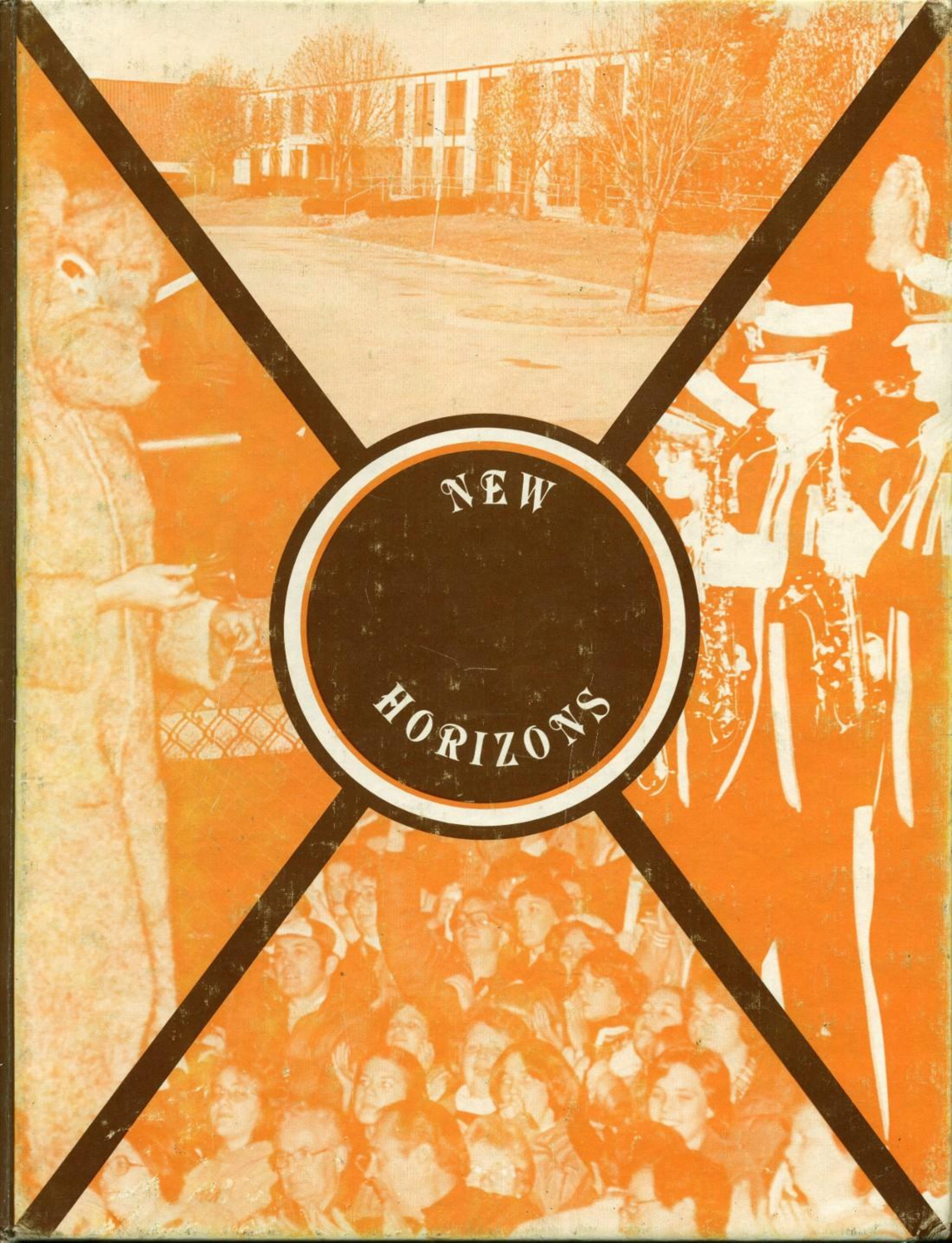
NEW
HORIZONS

Willa,
I wish I could have known you a little sooner; the end of the year seems a little late. I hope school is everything you hope it would be. Relax and study, okay? Maybe I'll see ya on the slopes. (I'll be the one in the snow bank). Luv, Jaleen xo

Mina -
I wish you the best ever. Reach every goal possible and live your life to the fullest. I wish we could have grown closer but somethings didn't happen, but just to know you is great. You're a wonderful person.
Julie Vining

Mina
I'm so glad I had you in Family Living. You're a little crust on the outside but a big softie on the inside. Good luck to you and your brother in football. Stay off the drugs and have a great time.
Love
Sara

Mina,
I'm really glad I got to know you a lot better this year. I mean you're one of the most beautiful women I know. Good luck next year at Iowa State. Hope I see over summer vacation. And for God's sake, stop partying so much, just kiddin'.
P.S. AC/DC rules.
Chris Jordan

Mina,
well woman, you've certainly had a successful 2 yrs at Northern. (Especially in track!) Don't ever forget our famous J.V. Volleyball squad! that was a blast. Too bad you don't hall another year at N.H.S. 'cause I bet you think I'm fucking having those wimp 9th graders here next year. Have a great time next year at Iowa State!
Love
Sue

you are a really great friend! Your always so hyper (even if you say your in a bad mood) I'm really glad that we were able to be on the Volleyball team together last year. Too bad you don't like Mag, we could have had a lot more fun this year! Oh well, that's life. I wish you were going to the Prom, too. That just goes to show you that the guys at this school are stupid, ugly jerks since no one asked you to it. (Except Rusty!) I've really enjoyed having you come in the office 5th & 6th hour. It has pepped my day up even more. (You better work on it though, because your not doing quite as good a job as Rusty does! Just kidding!) We will have to keep in touch over the summer, I'll come up and visit you at Iowa (Is that up or down? Oh well) and I'm sure we will do a lot together. We will have to go to the beach and find some guys. Sound good? It will definitely have to BK? Good luck in everything you do. Your a fantastic person and I love you dearly!

Good luck in everything you do

Love Darlene!

Mina,
Next time we meet I'm going to tell you my life story just like Baby Talk Dan.

I'm glad we have become friends even though it had to be in Family Issues with Kitty. In my opinion you are the second best looking-shot putter after Jennette.

Love,
Mike McCarthy

Aina!
Well, the end
of the year is just
around the corner. &
It doesn't seem long enough.
It seems like I met you a long
time ago, but I wish we had more
time to build on our friendship. You're a REAL
sweetie, & you are a very special person to me!
I'm gonna miss ya a lot next year! You'd best come
back and visit me! I wish ya the best in all you do!
P.S. Have a Love Ya Always
terrifically neato & Forever!
summer! Lynn

P.S.S. I'm glad
that you are the
one walkin' with
my brother at
graduation!
But I'll still
miss ya!
~ me ~

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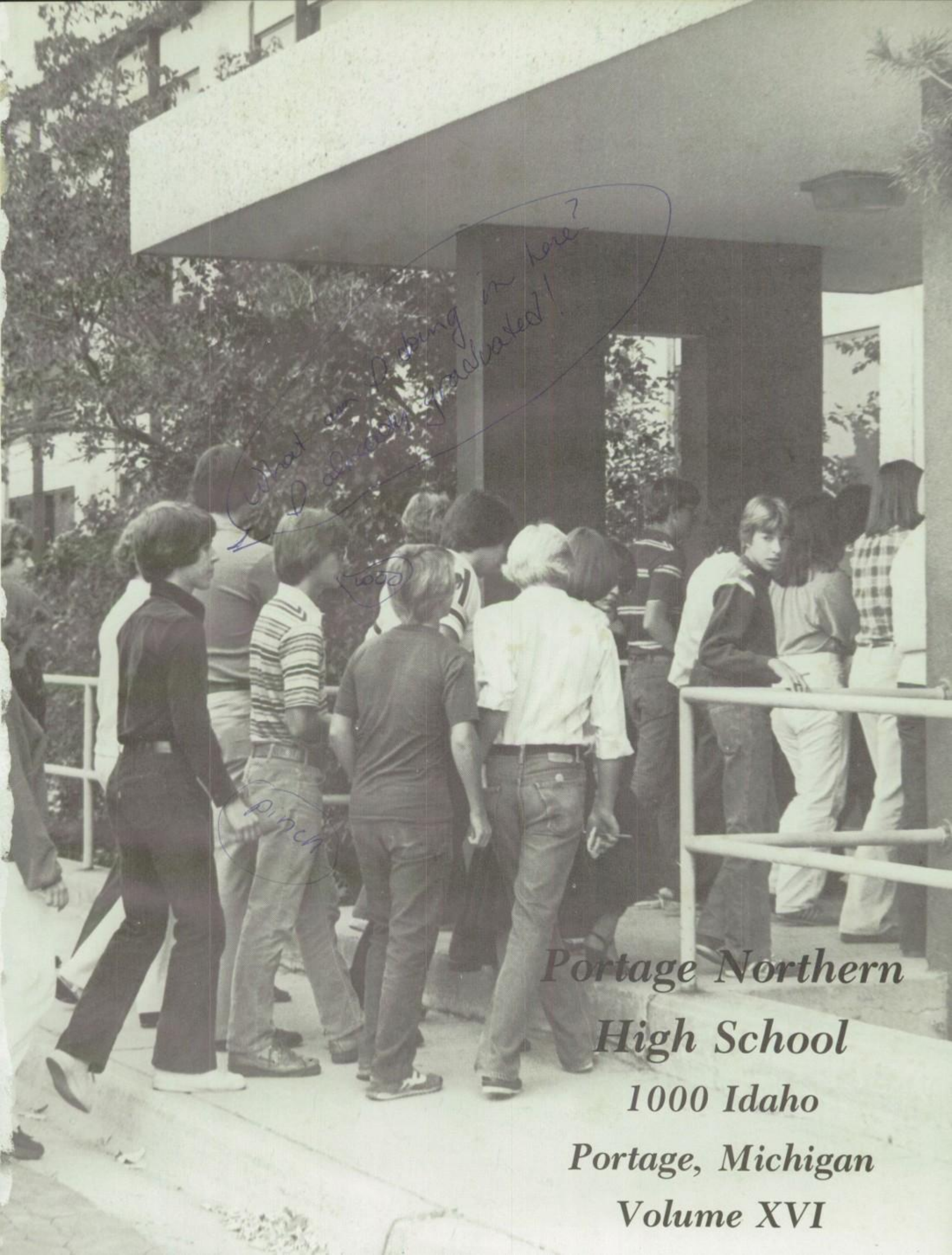
P.S.S. I'm glad that you are the one walkin' with my brother at graduation! But I'll still miss ya! ~ me ~



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o the "Bugs"
ddell sis, it's been
omewhat fun. Between
having our legs and College
reams" (guess who?!!!) I think
'll survive, but me! Hey, I'll be
.K. don't worry about me. Sure I'm
inosaur, you have to be in order to take
dv. Physics as a senior! God, I'm such an
diot. All I can say is that I'll call you at
chool. Maybe I can get people to call!!
Have fun and good luck (thanks for all the
Tacy B. intellectual discussions
in Physics!)

Mina,
Great the
Physics interesting was the
way you spelled about
me! It's unfair assignment
request. Que do Sophomore stuff
kedder. together that Delouise you
everything you went + then
come. Love Ava

Hey Bugs,
Ever since I knew you were Sig's
sister I knew you had to be a lot of fun.
Can't wait for graduation night, I wonder what
will go wrong this year. (We've had a Riot in
Texas (& just plain raising hell. Keep it
made it to Wisconsin). I don't know if I'll
great time in all you do!
Love "MSH"
Bee

Wilhelmina,
I always thought Mind was short
for something; now I know. It was an
abbreviation of Shulderis coat.
Congratulations with your discus throwing.
I have to remember to be careful if I ever play
frisbee with you (Ht, Ht) Nonetheless good luck with
life and whatever you make of it.
Love,
JvD

Mina -

Well, I'm glad I wasn't the only "new girl" here last year. I just died when I found out you were from Madison. We should get together and take a bus back or drive to go visiting. I hope I get a chance to see before you run away to college. Best of luck always - and don't ever!

Love,
Jenny Blackburn

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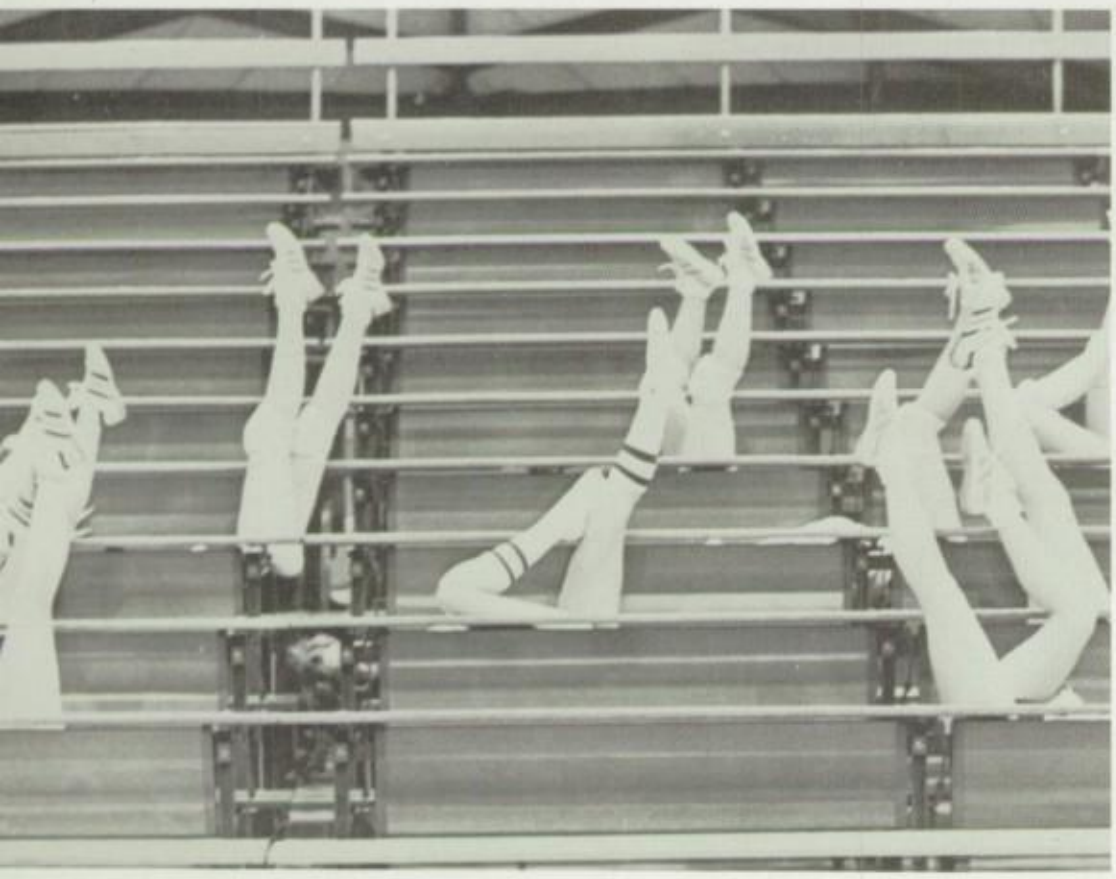
Mina,
Well its almost over! What can I say. Its been great having you in Holdens Class, you're a great pal! Keep it up!! Good luck in everything you do! Take care

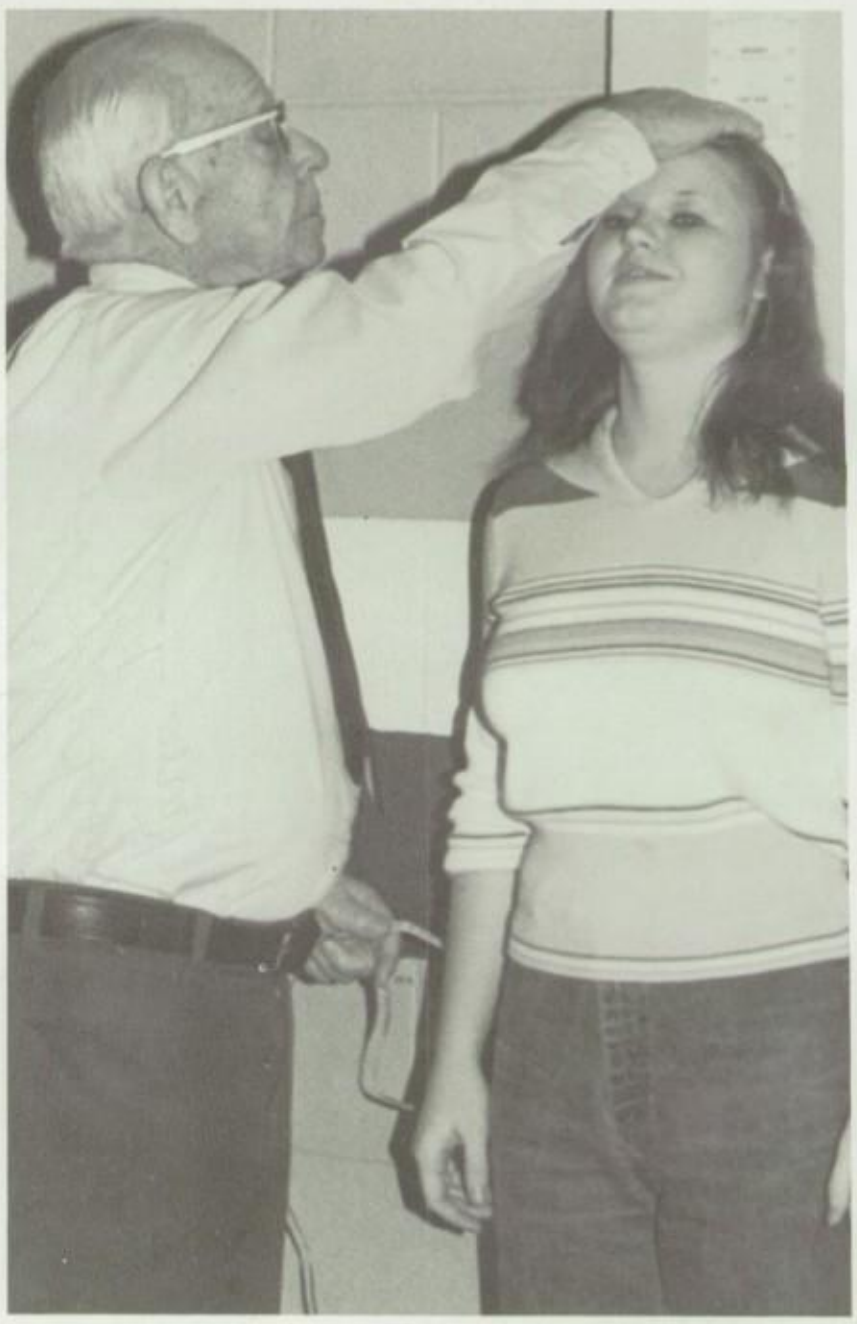
Dianne

Mina,
Well, here we are, Senior year. Can you believe it? I can't. I'm so glad we're in the same homeroom. I'm sure we'll have a terrific year. Let's make it a point to get together this summer. Maybe we can go to the beach or something. Have a great summer!

Love,
Tracy

CLARK



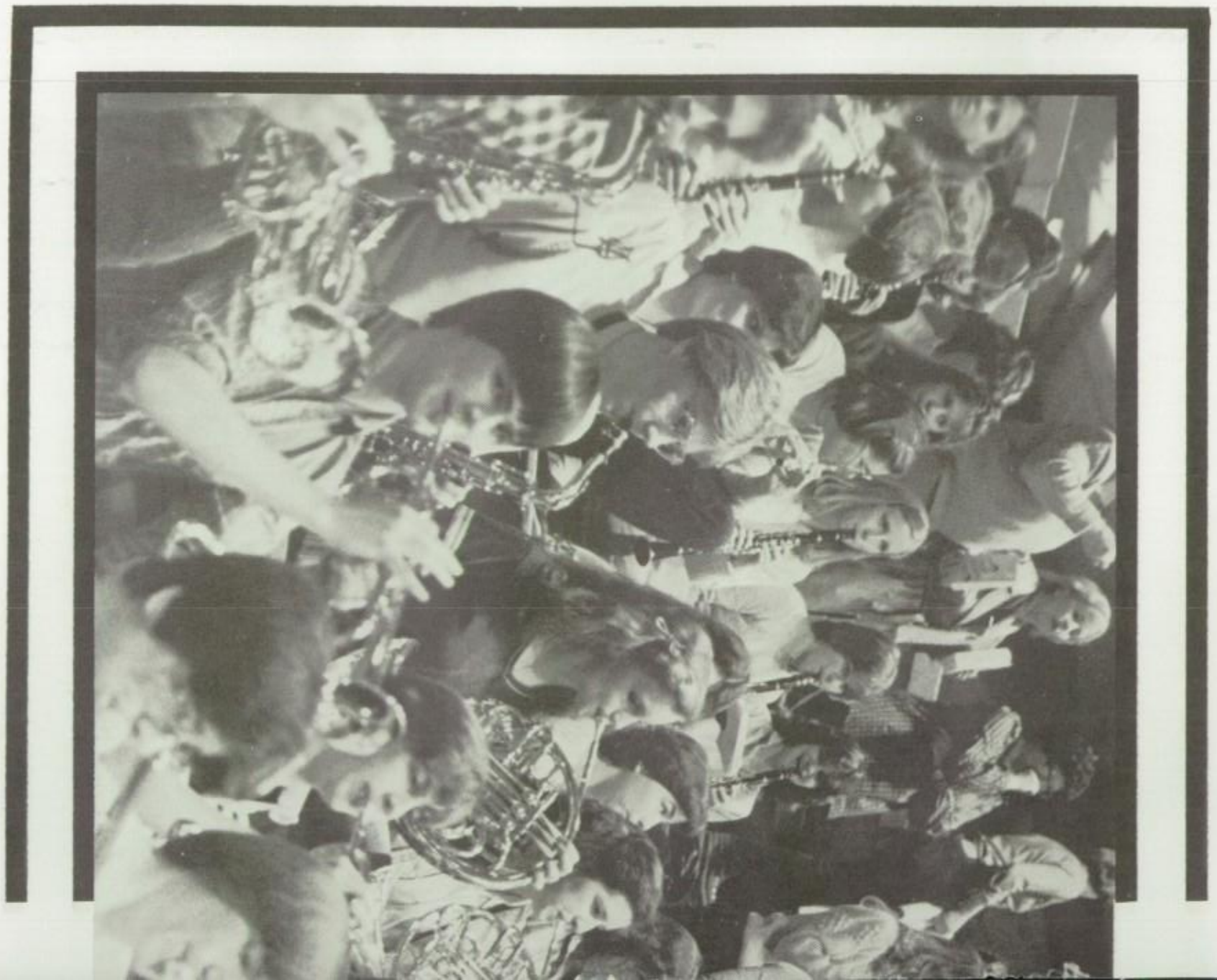


And all the secrets in the universe
Whisper in our ears
And all the years will come and go
And take us up, always up

Seals & Crofts

Don't give up
Until you drink from the silver cup
She'll never take you down
Never give you up
You'll never know until you try

America

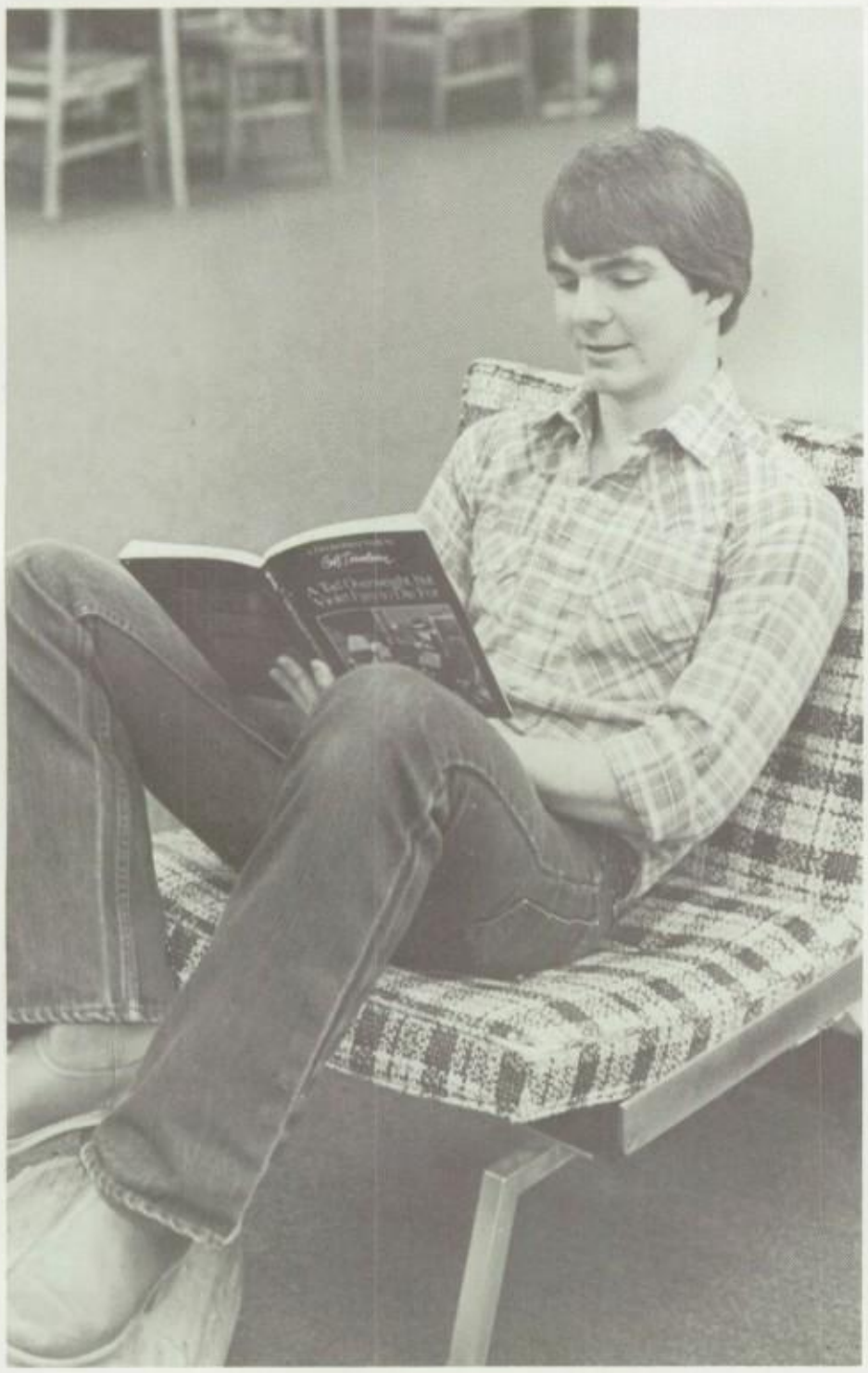


You can bend but never break me;
Cause it only serves to make me
More determined to achieve
My final goal

Helen Reddy

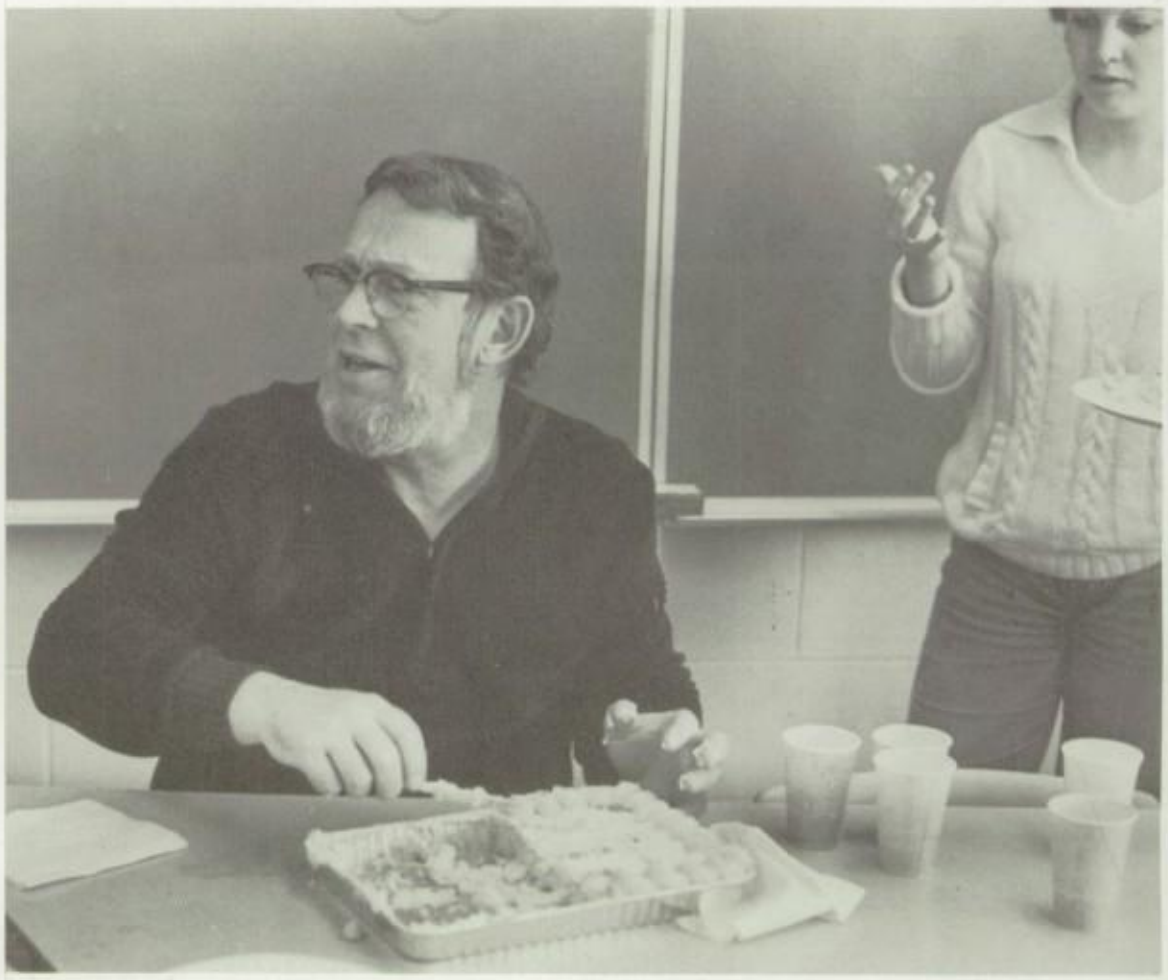
Go first in the world
go forth with your fears
remember a price must be paid

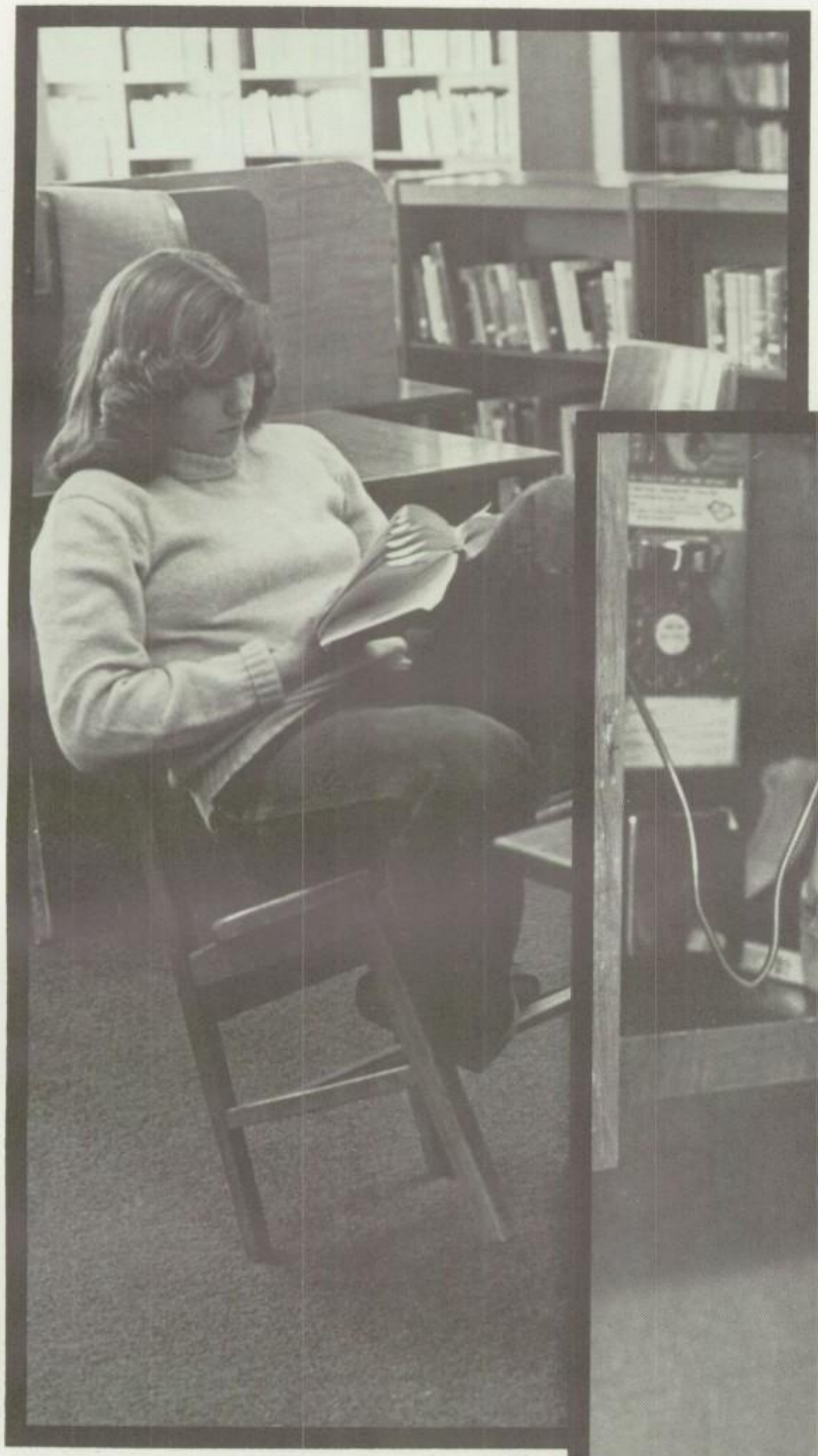
Gordon Lightfoot



How I treasure every minute
being part of
being in it
with the urge to move on

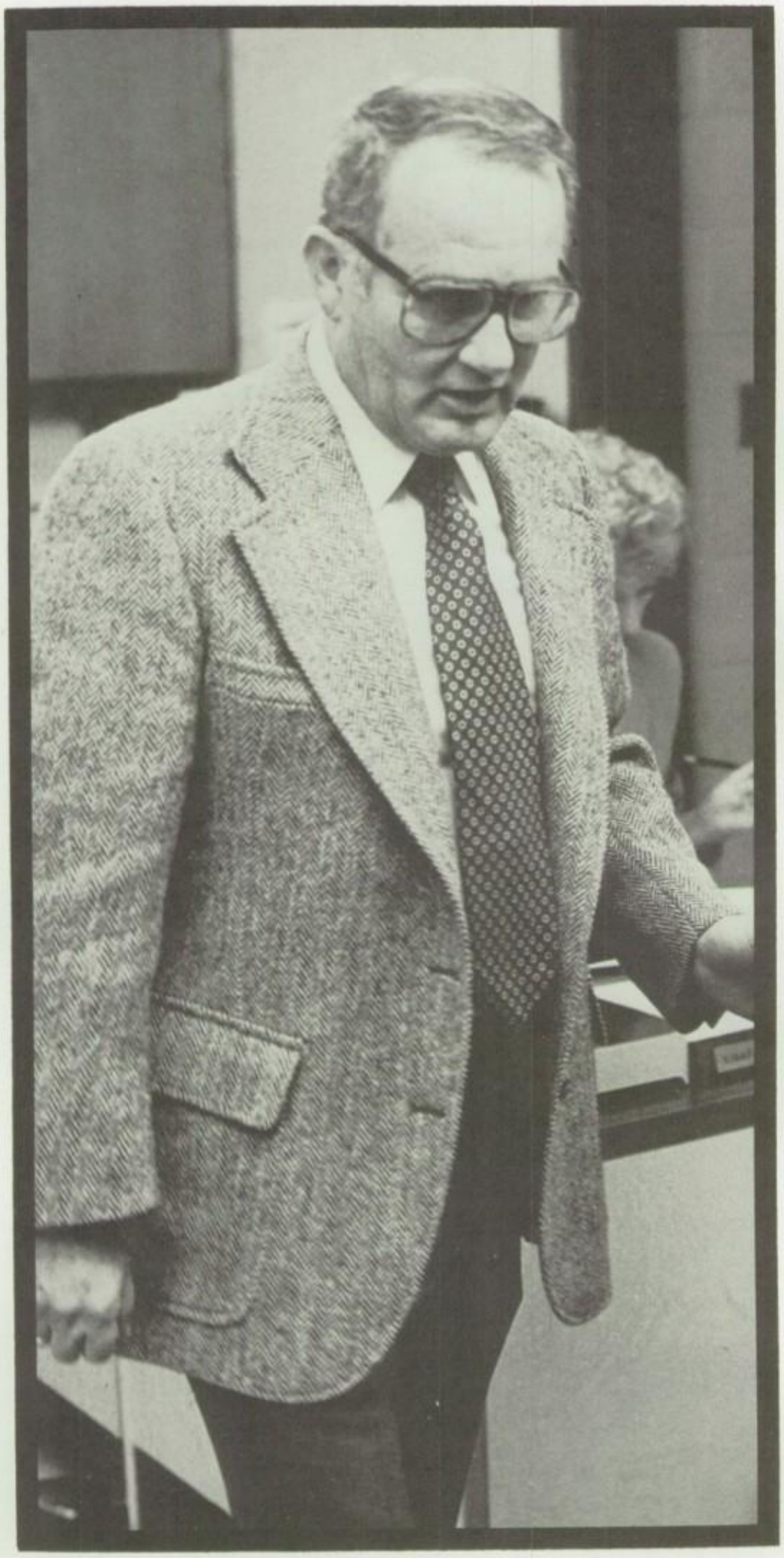
ABBA





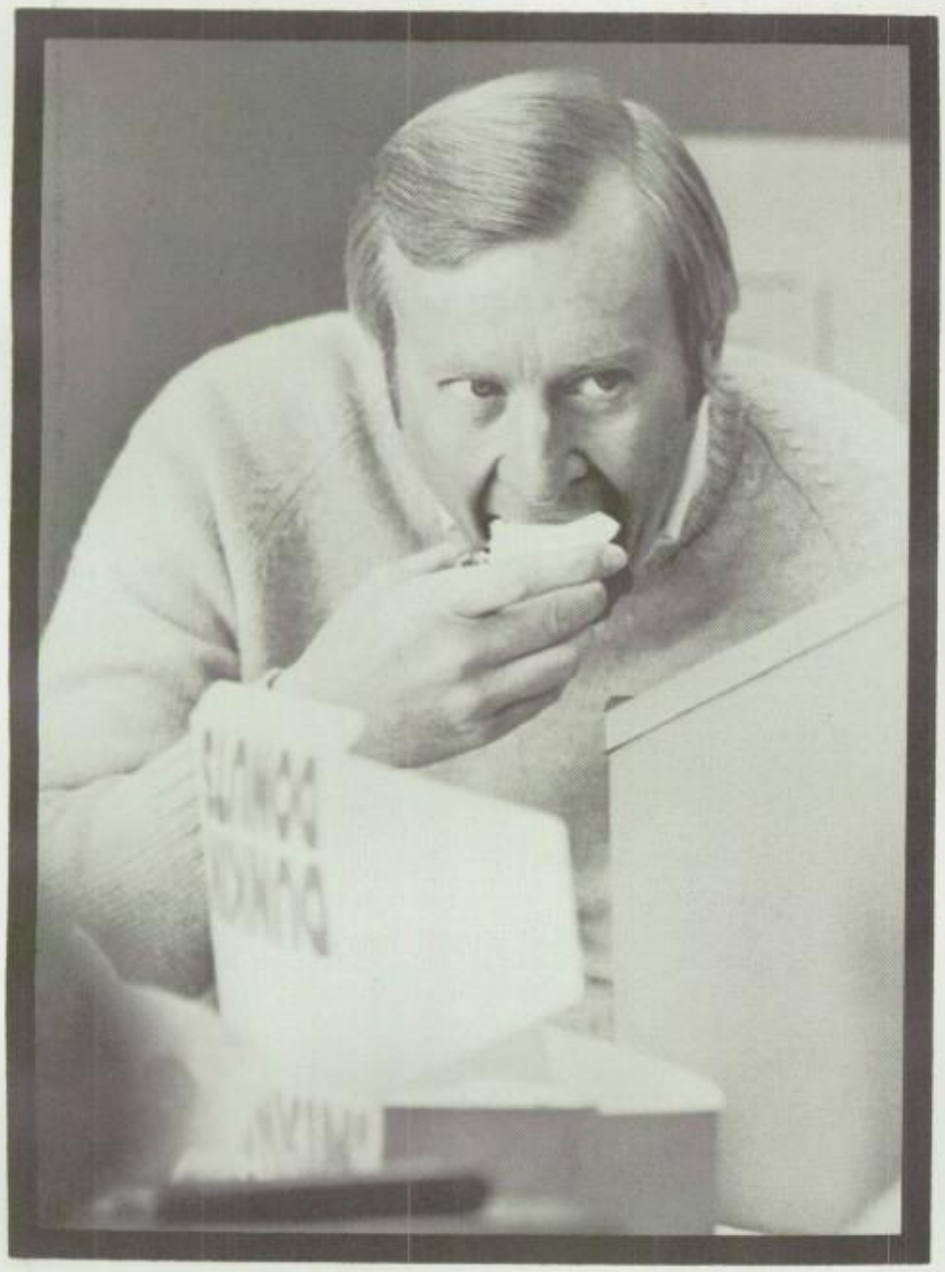
Oh I don't care
What comes tomorrow
We can face it
Together
The way old friends do

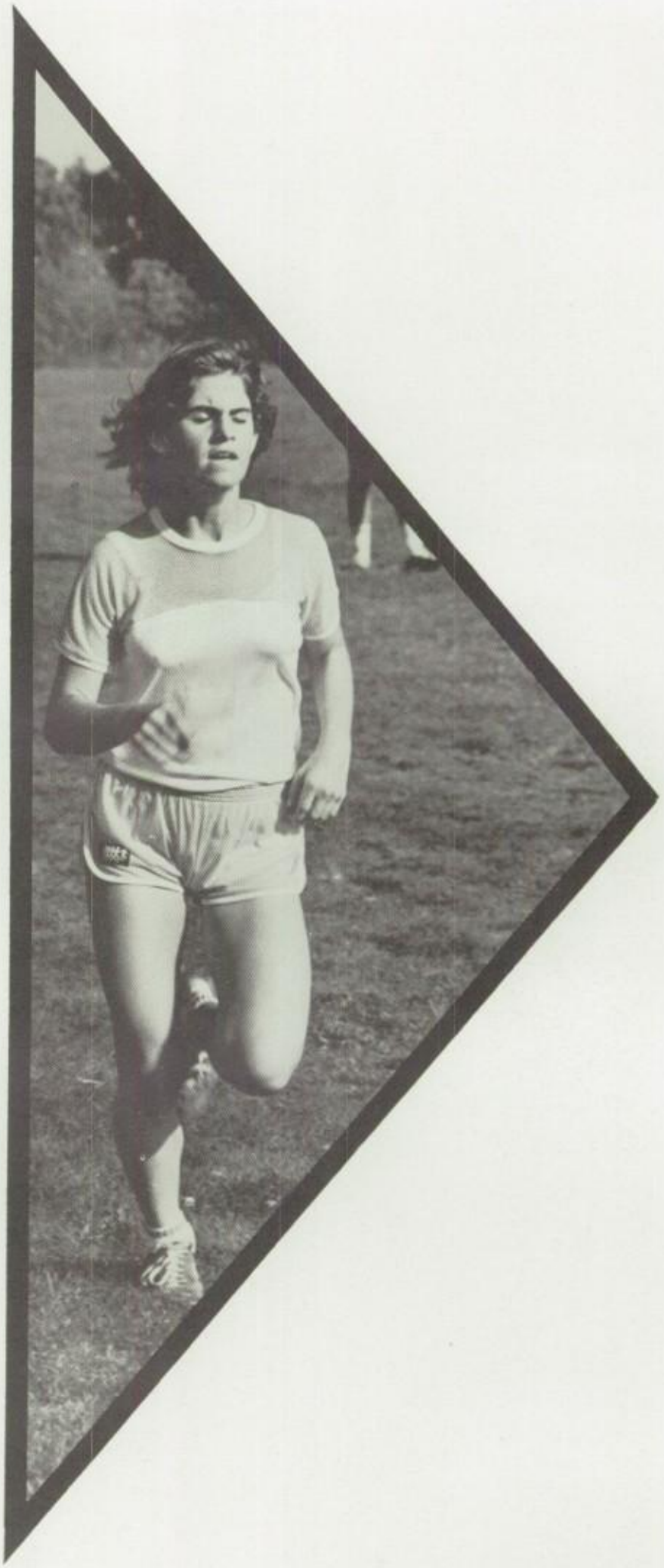
ABBA



I keep running for the
Dream, moving on
Moving on

Glenn Campbell





MUSIC

ABOVE: A Christmas tale is told by Songleaders. BOTTOM RIGHT: A spectacular performance ends with this great finale by Jim Kline, Maria Suarez, and Bill McKinney. BELOW: To secure precise movements and good sound Barb Hugye and Dave Smedstead practice.

ABOVE: Songleaders wouldn't be possible without the help of Barry Braksick and Gerry Carpenter. TOP: Another beautiful song is performed by our songleaders. RIGHT: Some of the pieces involve more singing less dancing illustrated by Charlie Shane, Ray Slater, and Sue Allen.

Our Songleaders displayed tremendous talent during the year's course, singing and dancing their way into the hearts of many. Being greatly recognized by the community, they spread a lot of happiness throughout Kalamazoo.

The students involved in Songleaders worked hard and long at rehearsals to insure a fine performance and their work paid off. Each show performed by this commendable group was a total success.

The Songleaders didn't just sing; they sang with emotion. Each member of the organization put his heart and soul into the music and together they made it come alive. They showed what being a Huskie is all about through their dedication.

Song, Dance, Boost Student Body

TOP: The choir performs well at the 1980-81 Christmas concert. LEFT: Flute soloist Nancy Bruda gives the choir an added touch. ABOVE: As the conductor speaks to the class, Lisa Tagget listens intently.

Whether high academic achievers, athletes, or just average, run of the mill Portage Northerners, many students were attracted to choir. It was a class organization which allowed students to release their aggressions and energy in a constructive manner.

Because of a heart attack suffered by dynamic Mr. Marlowe Crocker early in the year, the choir got off to a slow start. They were, however, able to put it all into motion when Miss Debbie Stuifbergen took control. Determined to have a successful year, the choir spent much time practicing routines to be performed in concerts, the first being the annual Christmas concert.

The choir was divided into two groups. One, concert choir, consisted of experienced juniors and seniors. The other group, high school choir, was made up of less experienced singers who desired to improve their vocal talents. Both choirs were excellent.

ABOVE: Students spend hours of practicing material for upcoming concerts. LEFT: The artful talent of Melissa Neal contributes to the choir during a concert. BOTTOM LEFT: Total sound is achieved with the assistance of John Nadelin. BELOW: With her arms held high, Mrs. Deb Stuifbergen keeps the choir functioning during the holiday concert.

ABOVE: Interpretation and coordination are supplied by Mr. Don Griesbach. BELOW: Ready to add tone to total sound is Steve Eddie. LEFT: Violin of Greg Lentz reaches for right note. ABOVE LEFT: Framed by the bass section, Lisa Loudermelt and Teresa Stiles share their orchestra music.

Everyday at 10:10 a group of students gathered in room A-10 to practice. As Mr. Griesbach conducted, music flowed from violins, violas, cellos, and the huge basses.

With the rapid approach of December, students made ready for their first important show. The annual Christmas concert was performed before an appreciative audience.

By mid-year, the orchestra students had put in many strenuous hours of practice. They were well-prepared for the cabaret and spring concerts, giving fine performances.

Orchestra Tunes in PNHS

ABOVE: Gently drawn across her bass, Karen Stiles bow provides mellow background. ABOVE RIGHT: Glad to get into the act are Becky Younger and Jeff Cassell. BELOW: Soulful music is added to Orchestra's image by Martin Bay and Charlie Tomlinson.

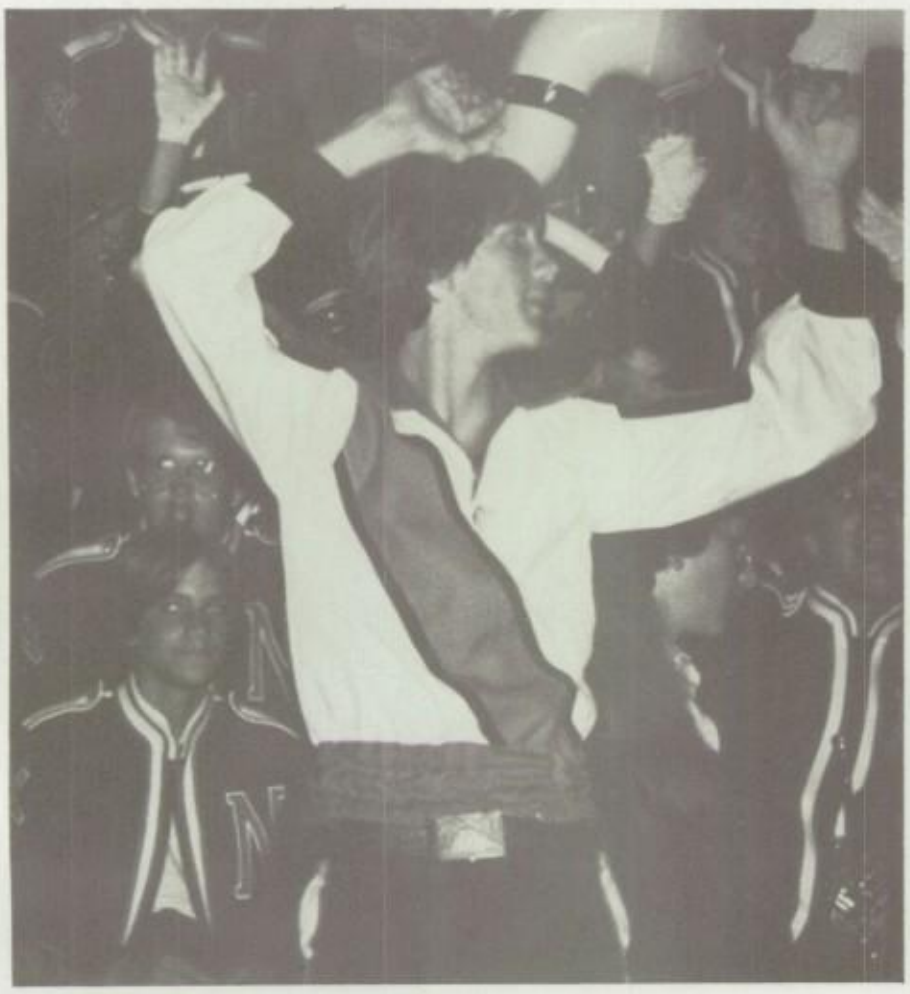
"We Don't Mess Around, Hey!"

The Huskie marching band did another spectacular job of spreading pride and excitement through the student body as well as the many other Huskie fans. Starting their hard work and practice in August helped the band to perform many pre-game and half-time shows of high quality.

The flags brought out a unique flare as did the band's own chorus line, which performed its "One" routine superbly, both at our first homegame and at Homecoming. Special excitement was also created by the use of kazoos in "Beer Barrel Polka."

Throughout the football season the band provided spirit and enthusiasm as well as entertaining shows that helped both the football team and the band have a great season.

TOP: Band members perform their perfected "One" routine. LEFT: The flags set up for the National Anthem. ABOVE: John Pula switches his trombone for a unique kazoo.



TOP LEFT: Drum major Greg Wesselhoff peps up both the band and the fans. BELOW: Jodie Walder, Sally Harrington, Greg Wesselhoff, Mike Phelps, and Mike McCabe play out during their sousaphone solo. LEFT: Flagbearer Sherri Conrad dances confidently with her umbrella. TOP ABOVE: Director Don Griesbach rises above all on Junior High Night.

Band "Ease on Down"

Symphonic Band was an exciting part of Northern's campus life. Mr. Don Griesbach was the head of the band organization, leading the brass, woodwind, and percussion sections through another successful year.

A trip to MSU and the selling of Texas oranges and grapefruit were major parts of the band's extra activities.

The band members had to work hard to put together their concerts, but they had fun just the same. Hours and hours definitely contributed to the band's success.

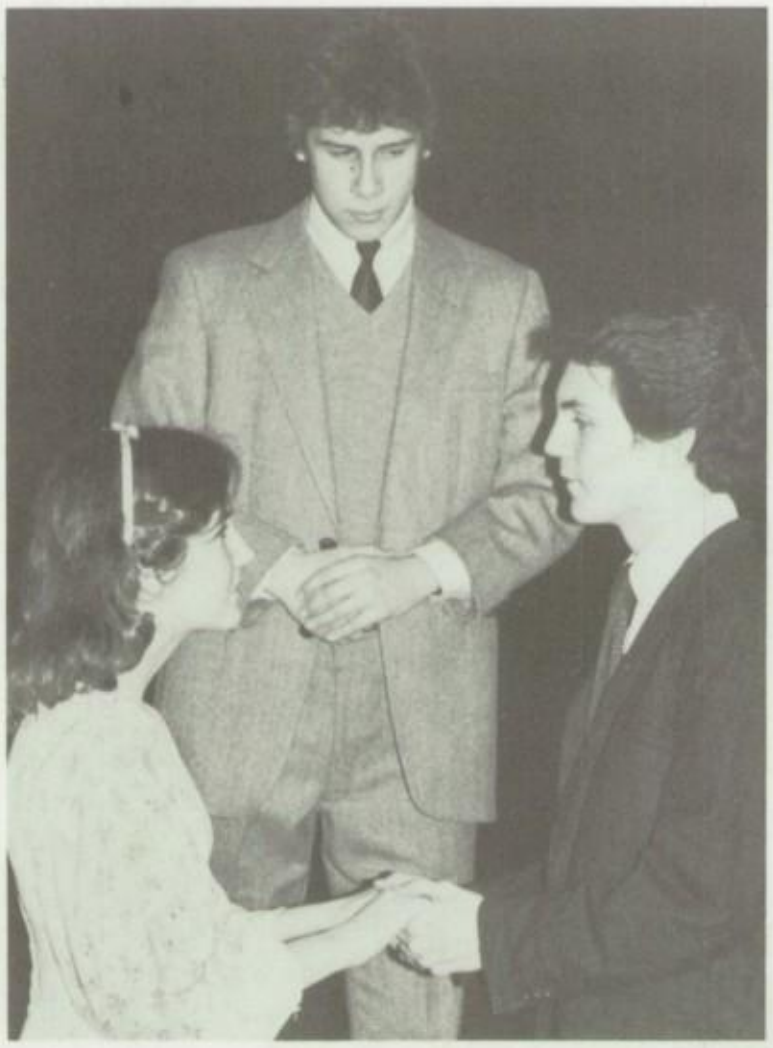
OPPOSITE TOP LEFT: Expert drum playing keeps Tom Smith up with the beat. OPPOSITE TOP RIGHT: Water baloons help Tony Norris impersonate a women. OPPOSITE MIDDLE: A dance in the Pops Concert by Lora Sielatycki. OPPOSITE BELOW: The trench coat band serenades the audience. ABOVE: Much concentration goes into being a tuba player, discovers Mike McCabe, Jody Walker, and Mike Phelps. ABOVE RIGHT: The bells are not all that easy, says Monica Marsden. BELOW LEFT: The trombone section playing their hearts out. BELOW RIGHT: The umbrella scene in the Pops Concert by Annie Allgyer.

"Our Town" Nostalgic

As the curtain rose, the audience realized that Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" wasn't like most plays. Since there were no sets or props, the students had to perform in a particularly colorful way. Their pantomimes and facial expressions were extremely important, because the audience was completely focused on them.

"Our Town" was the first play to utilize the newly installed computerized sound and light system. Northern's new system is now the best in the Kalamazoo area outside of the one in Miller Auditorium. This proved to be very fortunate, because stage lighting was very important in revealing the students' faces.

Long hours of rehearsal by both cast and crew were necessary in attaining only the best possible performance. Under the superb direction of Mr. Art Nemitz, "Our Town" turned out to be a truly memorable and worthwhile play!



ABOVE: Under the watchful eyes of the minister (Dave Rimawi), Emily Webb (Sue Allen) and George Gibbs (Ray Slater) take their vows. TOP RIGHT: Posed for a Webb family portrait are Emily, Mr. Webb (Charles Katzenmeyer), Mrs. Webb (Becky Salgat), and Wally (Dan Morse). RIGHT: The Gibbs family: George, Rebecca (Sheryl Rossman), Dr. and Mrs. Gibbs (Jim Kline and Sylvia Rodee).

ABOVE: The curtain call gives the audience the chance to applaud the cast for their performance. RIGHT: Young George tries to begin a conversation with Emily at the soda fountain. LOWER RIGHT: At the funeral Emily realizes how valuable life really is. BELOW: Stage manager Dave Rimawi steers the audience through the play.

Sophies!

I hope you find yourself a wonderful, sexy, sweet guy (I don't ask for much do I) I'll really miss you, but I know you'll be fine once you get settled in. Send me lots of letters and pictures. Maybe, if I don't get too lazy, I'll send you a series of photos of all my new admirers. Be sure and send me all my fan mail and love letters from Andy. Oh well, have a grrrrrrr—eat summer and don't do anything I wouldn't do. (Which means you'll get into trouble)

Love,
Laila

SOPHOMORES

Life Begins for Class of '83

Tammy Adamko
Tina Adcock
Paul Amsbury

Nancy Anthony
Carla Apessos
Steve Arend

Cheryl Arendt
Corey Argetsinger
Greg Arnett

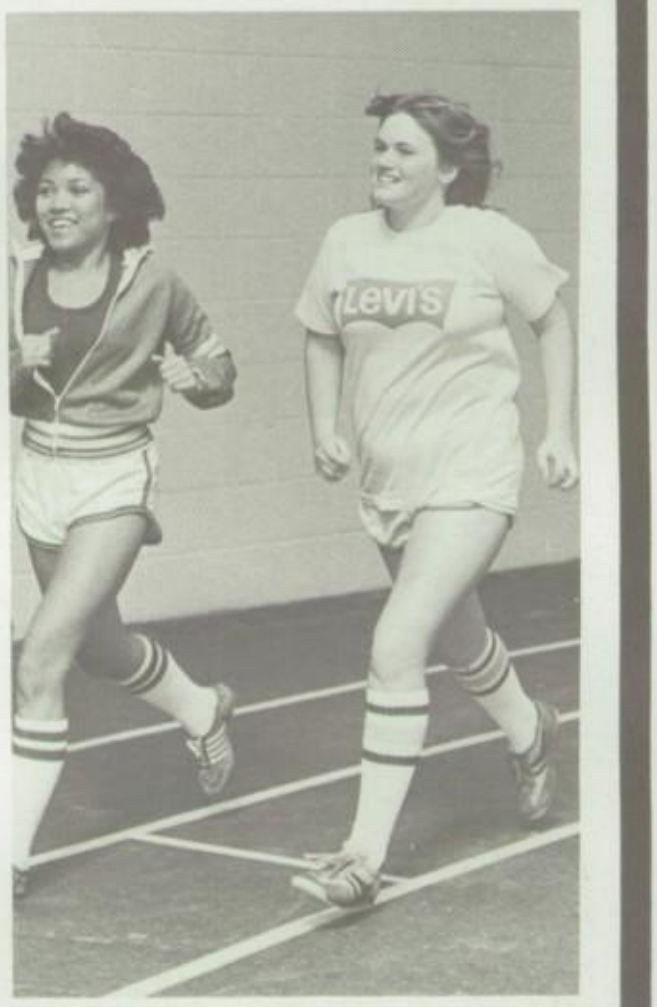
Beth Atkinson
Daniel Baas
Korie Bachleda

Laura Badalamenti
Mike Baker
Pam Baldwin

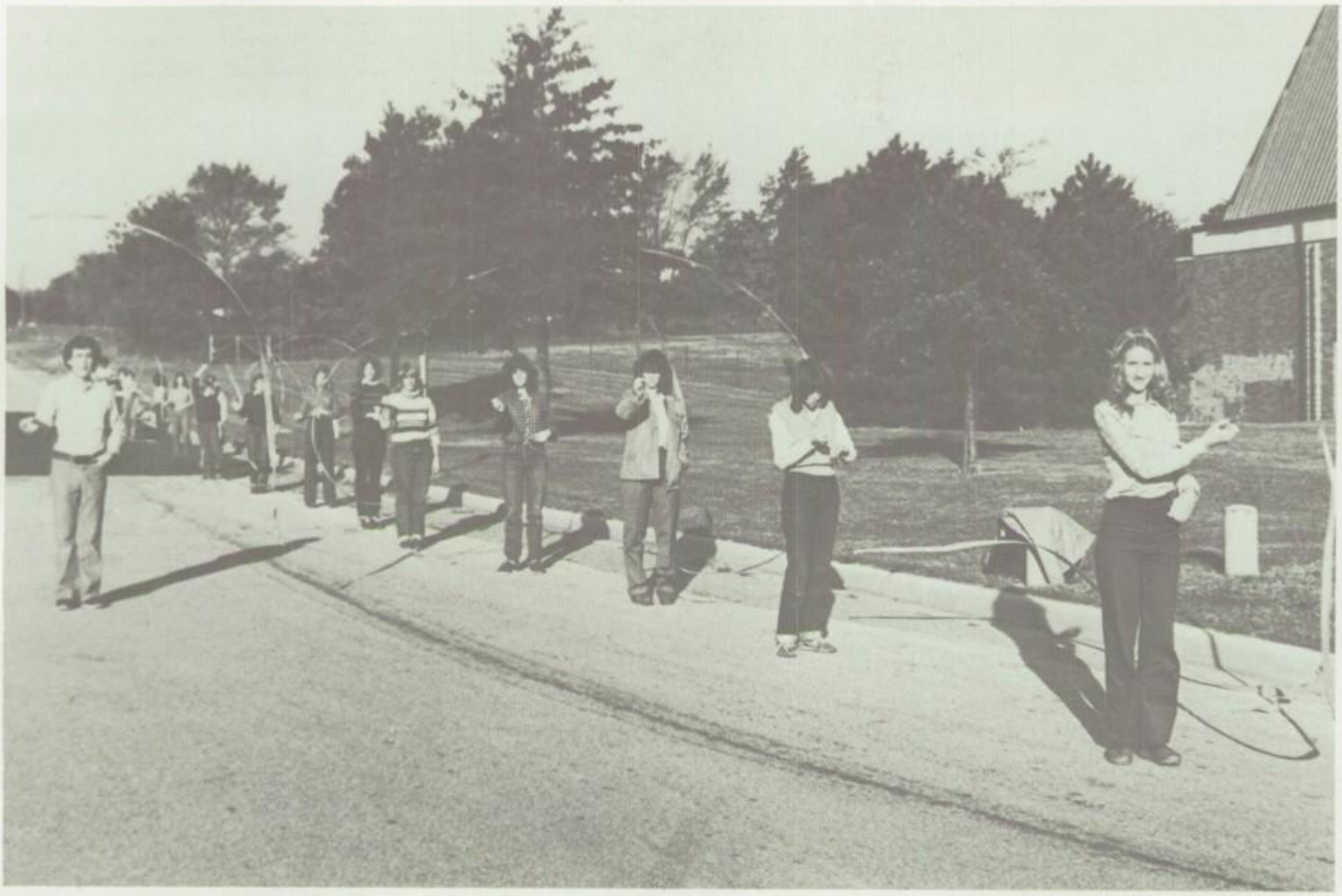
The start of the 1980-'81 school year brought many new experiences for all sophomores. Class selections enabled sophs to have a wide variety of choices to help meet graduation requirements or to just allow them to explore their own personal interests.

The class of '83 was able to gain confidence by taking challenging classes and also interacting in Senate plus many clubs and other school activities. They also had a chance to look at different career opportunities and select what they may want to study as upperclassmen or in post-secondary

Throughout their sophomore year, the class of '83 enjoyed meeting new challenges and facing new experiences. These many different ventures allowed the sophomores to open new doors.



TOP Many sophs participate in Northern's Flag Corps during football season. ABOVE: Phys. Ed. is an enjoyable class for many sophomores.



Mike Bare
Julie Barron
Tim Bartholomew
Sarah Barton

Leslie Bashaw
Lisa Bates
Kris Battenberg
Ryan Baxter

Martin Bay
Melanie Beasley
Bob Behl
John Behl

Alice in Wonderland

Carey Behrens
Nicolle Benson
Scott Berthel
Craig Binder
Sheryl Blackburn
Tony Blalock

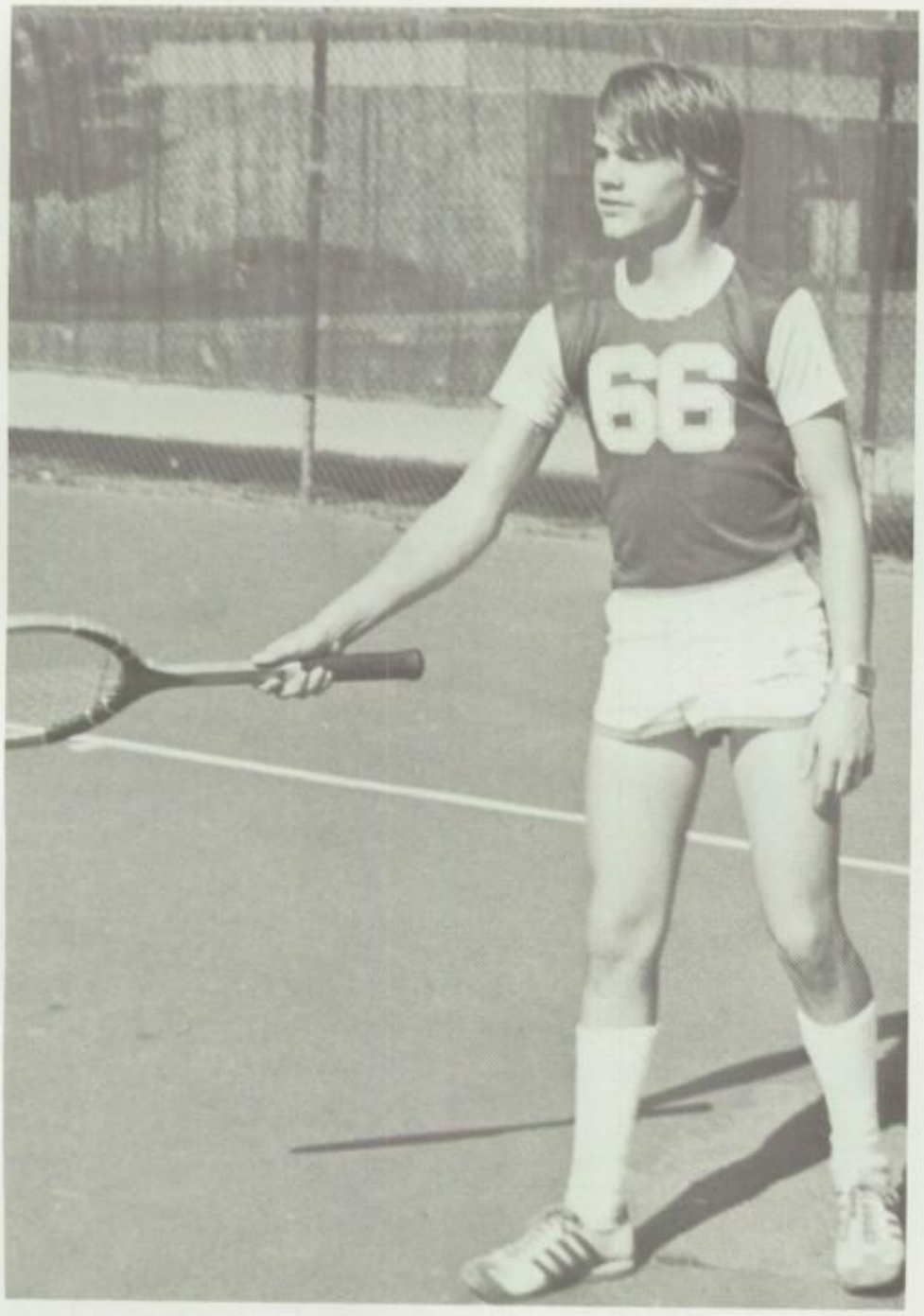
Valerie Bland
Cynthia Blank
Randy Blum
Kevin R. Boehle
Steven Bogema
Debra Boodt

Kathy Borden
Joellen Borkowski
Dawn Bowden
Kris Bowser
Cathie Boyington
Matt Braksick

Jill Brenneman
Linda Brey
Lynn Brisky
Kathy Bruce
Nancy Bruda
Kevin Brundage

Joanne Buechler
Tim Buist
Stacy Burrington
Scott Bush
Jessica Butler
Cherie Campsmith

OPPOSITE : Tennis skills come easy for Ken Crowe. RIGHT: Typing is a good skill to acquire discovers business student Annette Hodges.



Charles Carpenter
Tracey Cass

Melinda Cavicchia
Terri Chambers

James Chamness
Vicky Cieslak

Sherry Coffman
Steven Cole

Greg Collins
Jack Colwell
Amy Cook
Jim Cook
Dan Cornette
James Cotton

Jim Cottrell
Rick Covert
John Cowden
Julie Crandall
Kenneth Crowe
Kim Crutcher

Sophomores Set Goals For Future

Alyn Dagher
Patti Dalrymple
Kathy DeHarte
Ben Depweg
Lisa DeYoung
Jodi Dial

David Dimmick
Pat Dobbs
Diane Donnelly
Mike Dorman
Todd Dorstewitz
Zach Doss

David Duemler
Alaine Duholke

Gregory Durham
Steve Eddy

Mark Eisenhardt
Mike Eley

ABOVE: Being sized for his ring is Scott Bush. OPPOSITE TOP: It looks great, thinks Stephanie Morris.

Bobbi Emmons
Melissa Emmons
Jewel Engelman
David Essex
Craig Eudy
Lisa Fink

Class Ring Selection Excites Sophs

Peter Fink
Erin Fitzgerald
Teresa Fitzpatrick
Daniel Franc
Shane Franklin
Tim Frisbie

Debra Frosland
Mayrose Furia
Mark Gernaat
Sarah E. Getman
Susan Gildea
Lee Gizzi

Andrea Goff
Lynn Goldstein
Jeff Granger
Patrick Gray
Darren Gregory
Barbara Grill

Jackie Guild
Scott Hamilton
Pam Harris

Mike Harwood
Gary Hatfield
Julie Hayes

Julie Haynes
Dennis Heath
Alan Hendershot

Ralph Hensley
Leeanne Herder
Patti Herendeen

ABOVE: JV football allows Scott Winegar to develop his playing skills. OPPOSITE RIGHT: Lili Sanchez spreads excitement through the fans.

Diane Hessley
Susan Hickman
Robert Hillard
Terry Hillard
Brian Himmelein
Ken Hite

Annette Hodges
Michelle Holt
Molly Hook
Mark Horneffer
Micky Hornev
Teresa Horrocks

Sophs Come Alive With Spirit

When the class of '83 began their sophomore year they brought great enthusiasm with them. The new sophomore class showed true Huskie spirit at Northern's many athletic events and several other school activities. Loyalty was shown by the sophs at pep assemblies, where they cheered on the teams to help inspire victories. The sophs always created a good cheering section

The term "Apathy" was unknown to the sophs. Whether cheering on classmates or participating themselves, many students gave much of their time and energy supporting the Huskies. The abundance of spirit shown by the class of '83 will undoubtedly carry over to their senior years.

Doug Hotchkiss

Jenny Hunter

Paul Huyge

Stephan Ira

Mark D. Jager

Tomma Japp

Jill Jaquays

Carole Johnson

Lee Ann Jones

Melinda Jones

Andy Junde

Clark Kahn

Erika Karnitis

Joe Katzenmeyer

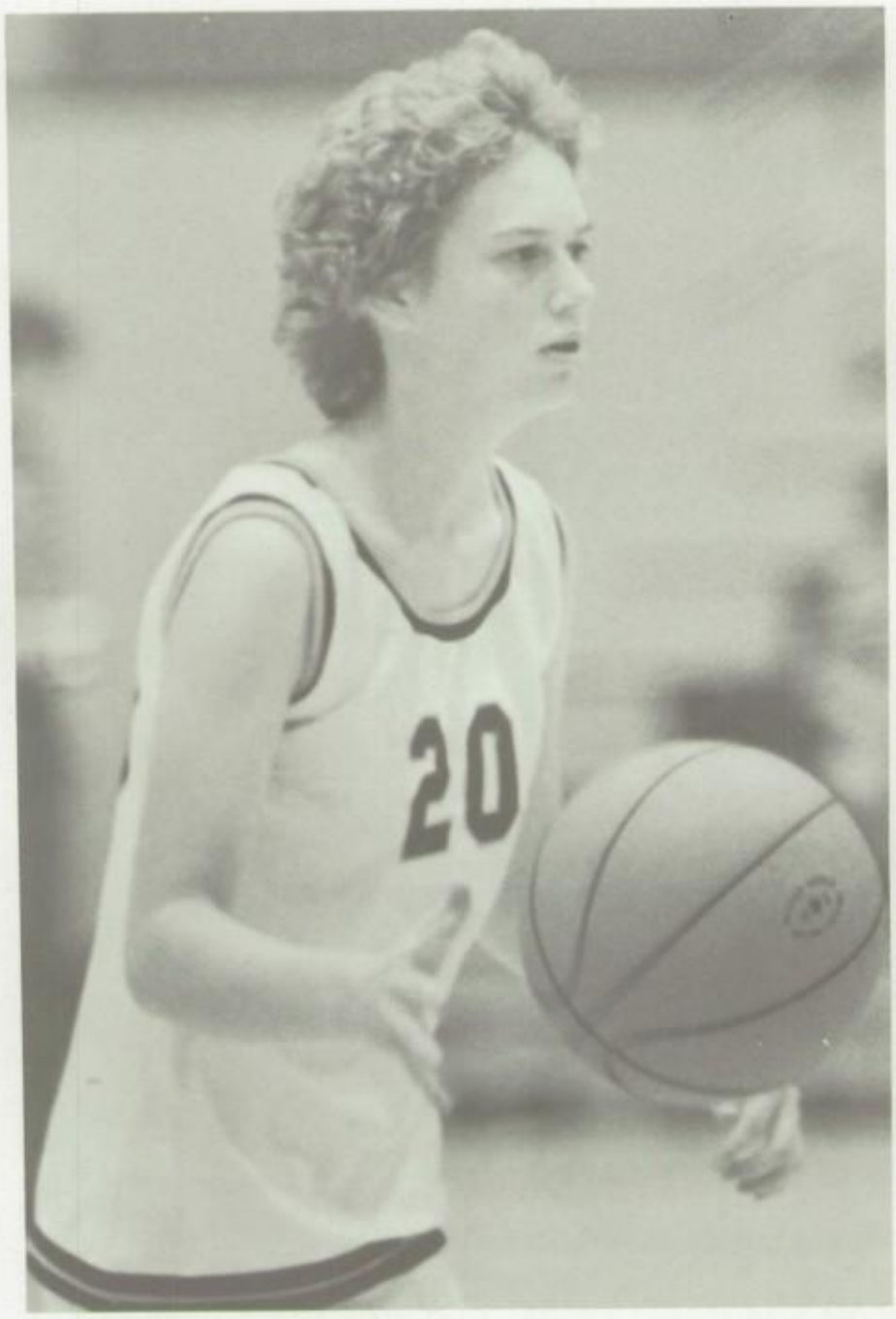
Shelly Keegan

Robin Keith

Denise Kelley

Ernie Keyes

Ken Kilgore
Beth Kirlin



Erica Kirsch
Vivian Kizer

Eric Knight
Robert Knoblock

Vicki Knoll
Mary Kominek

Dan Korpolinski
Deborah Kowalik
Steven Kurcab
David Kurlandsky
Kevin Labadie
Gary Laduke

Lynne Lamere
Denise Lano
Kathy Lawrence
Scott Layman
Lisa Ledbetter
Greg Lentz

Super Sophs Have

OPPOSITE LEFT: JV basketball wouldn't be the same without Chris Niedzielski. ABOVE: A big distance is shown by Erica Kirsch.

Great Seasons

Jeff Levine
Renay Lewis
Diana Li

Roger C. Lin
Julie Linden
Sandra Linders

Todd Little
Anne Lund
Robert Macigewski

Rose Manley
Kim Markus
Brenda Marsh
Mark Mason
William Maury
Deborah Mayer

Kathleen McIntyre
Dennis McVeigh
Jim McVoy
Tim Meeker
Russell Meisterheim
Deron Mellinger

Shawn Melvin
Harry Merrill
Julei Meyers
Wendy Miller
Dianne Millgard
Philip Molloy

Victor Moon
Robert Moore

Lawrence Morris
Stephanie Morris

Susan Morris
Dan Morse

Dorthea Myers
Barry Nelson
James Nelson
Mark Nichols
Douglas Nord
Lisa Ogren

Teresa Ohman
Patti Olivares
Eric Olsen
Sandy Olson
Teri Orr
James Osborn

Lisa Oudekerk
Laura Overloop
Carolyn Parcells
Robert Parks
Michele Parrish
Diann Paskey
Dave Patnode

Jeff Pedo
Donna Peeters
Lynn Peterson
Jackie Phillips
Mark Plemmons
Marlon Polley

Diane Pomeroy
Dawn Provost
Barbara Pula
Kevin Ramsey
Rusty Rathburn
Dan Redmond
Paul Redmond

Paige Remmert
Pat Repins

FAR LEFT: The preschool children will enjoy the name tags Kim Stafford cuts out. LEFT: Sophomores find English classes time-consuming. BELOW: Biology is appreciated by an ever eager to learn Beth Utrecht.

Sophs Open Doors

Amy Richardson
Denise Richmond
Mary Riesenbeck
Lisa Ritsema
Micheal Ritter
Tom Robert

Joe Rocha
Jeannie Rodenhiser
Susan Roebuck
Ed Rogusta
Mark Rose

Michelle Rossman
Phillip Rumble
Joseph Ryan
Uta Rykert
Liliana Sanchez

Tom Sergent
Dawn M. Sawicki
Joseph Scarff
Lawrence Schmidt
Curt Schreur

Sophs Enjoy Northern Life

Lynita Schultz
Liz Secondi
Julie Sergeant
Robert Seth
Laura Shafer
Richard Shane

Boyd Shannon
Mike Shaw
Joel Sheperd
Tammie Sherman
Lisa Shikoski
William Shorter

Kurt Shultz
Jodi Simington
Ronda Singleton
Scott Sirrine
Randy Skidmore
Beth Smith

Debby Smith
Matthew Smith
Tracy Snell
Betsy Sokolowski
Sandra Sonke
Jay Spade

Danny Stacey
Kim Stafford
Steve Stanley
Mike Stephan
Greg Stevens

Tom Steward
Doug Stocking
Gary Strefling
Julie Taylor
Kim Thayer
Laura Thede

OPPOSITE BOTTOM: Studying and lunch go together for Jenny Zehner.

'83 Joins Ranks

Sophomores not only adjusted to their new surroundings at Northern, but they also took great interest in many of the non-academic activities offered. Such classes as band and choir filled quickly with sophomores working to develop their musical abilities. Clubs were also an integral part of many sophomores' busy schedules. Ski club, AFS, and the science club were among their favorites. By participating in these activities, sophomores were able to make new friends, gain experience in cooperation, and perfect newly acquired skills. Senate and its activities, such as Breadlift '80, also attracted a large number of sophomores.

Although the sophs spent much time and energy in a variety of non-academic activities, they did an exceptional job in their academic classes on the whole. Projects, compositions, and many tests were well handled by the class of '83.

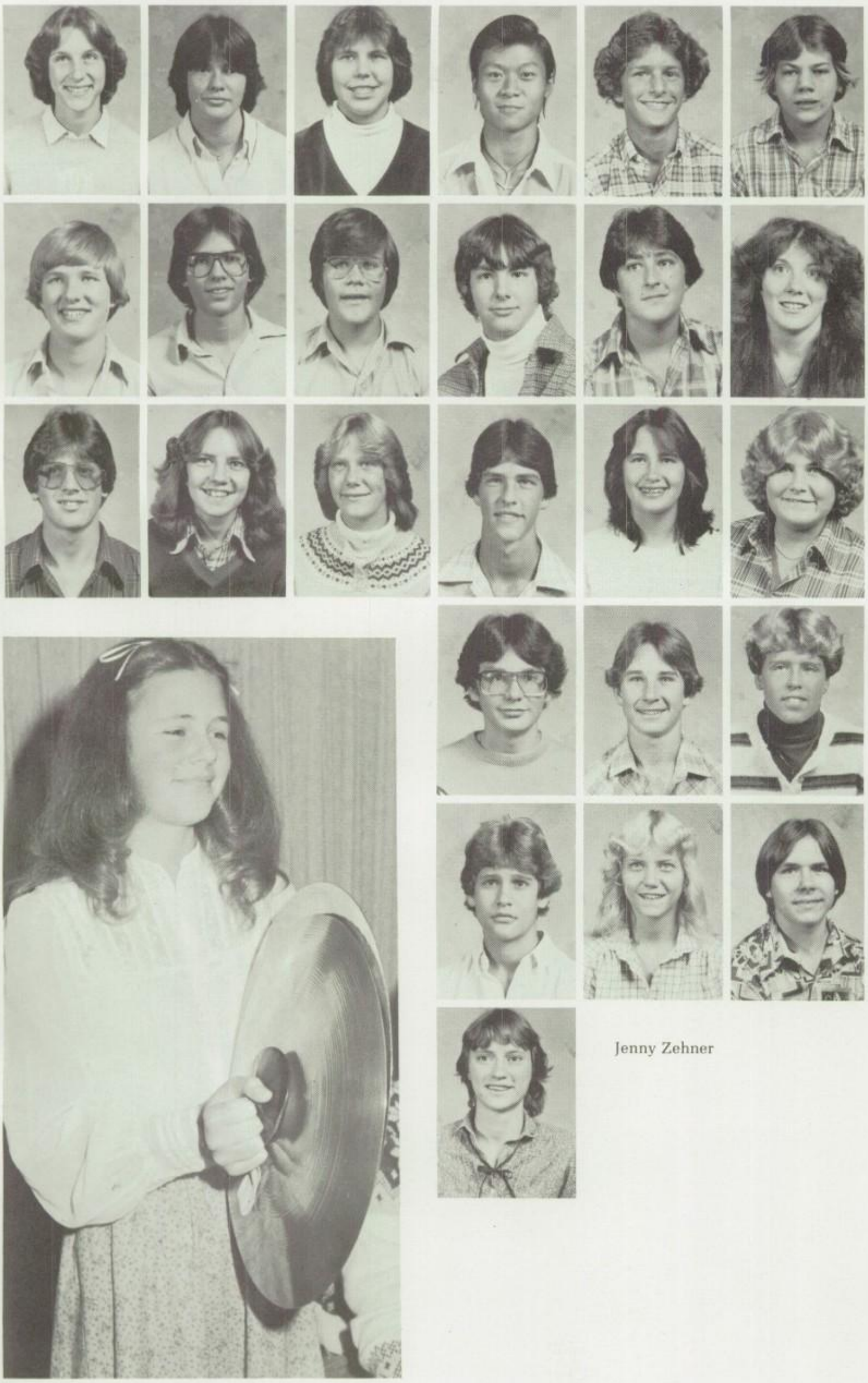
David Thierjung
Tonya Thomson

Daniel Tiffany
Diane Trayers

Brad Truizenga
Kim Tyler

Beth Utrecht
Robin VanderWeele
Jon Van Dine
Lauri VanNeer
Debbie Visser
Shannon Vorpi

TOP: Sophomores Barb Grill and Kathy Lawrence will some day make good mothers. ABOVE: Soccer is a favorite sport for Liz Secondi and Linda Brey. RIGHT: cymbals are a switch for Miki Benson.



Jill Vredevelt
Kathy Walker
Lynn Walkowiak
Yei-Dei Wang
Steve Ware
Mike Waters

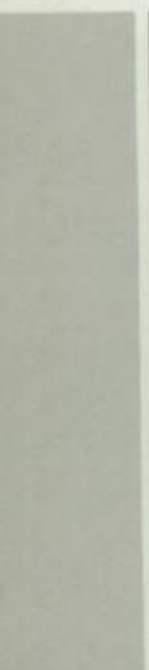
Mike Way
Mike Weatherby
Stephen Weaver
David Weiss
Steve Weiss
Jenifer Wells

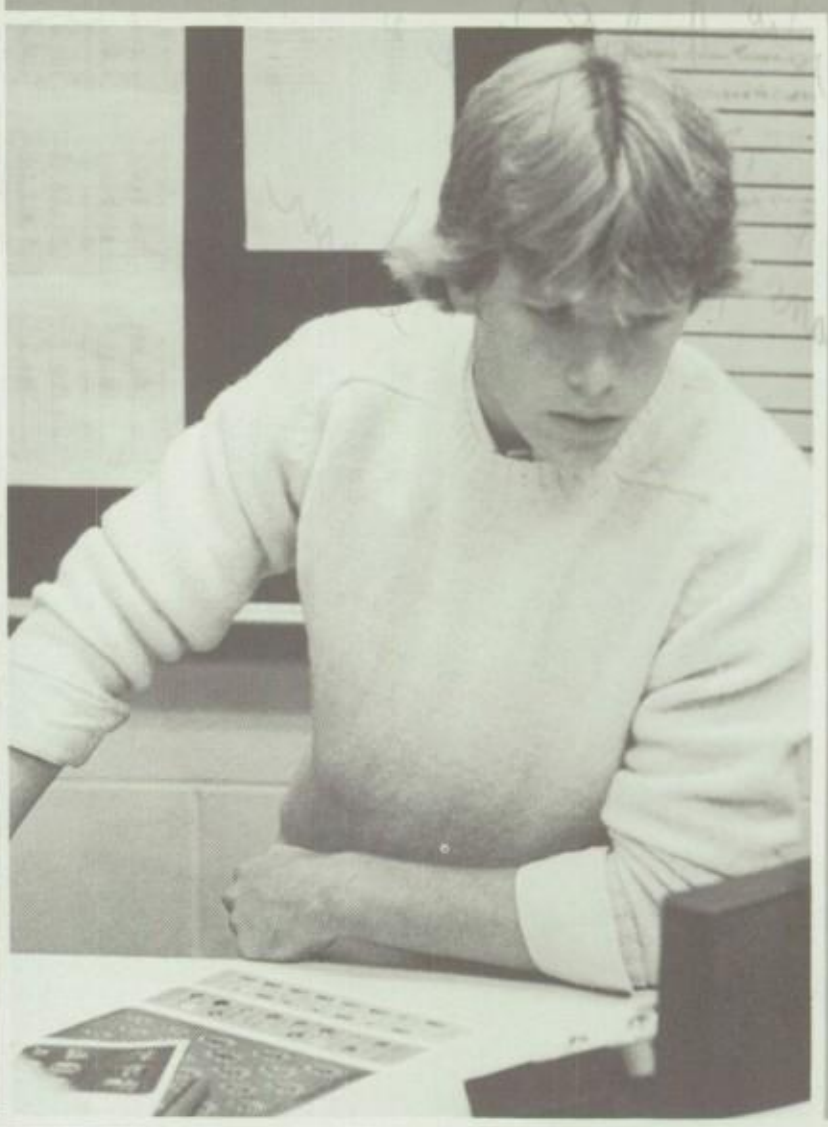
Michael Wendell
Laura Wessel
Kristi Wesselhoff
Rusell Williams
Jennifer Willis
Joette Willsea

Jim Willson
Scott Winegar
Krista Wirt

Matt Worline
Roxanne Wright
Larry Wyman

Jenny Zehner





STEELERS
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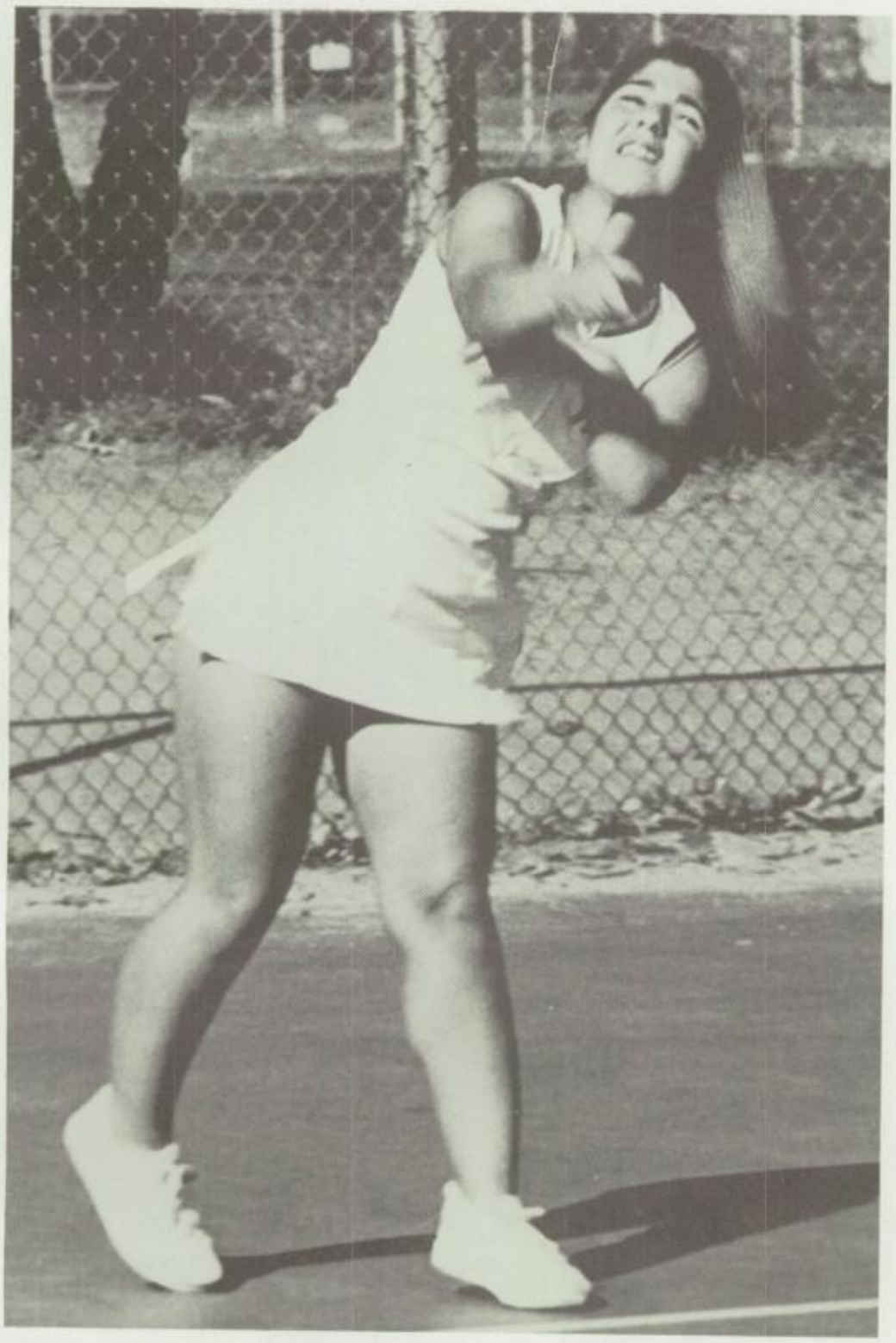
Nine
more stooges,
retard, cripple,
insane, and get the picture.

Sam

FALL SPORTS



The football season started in early September but our players started practice in early August. Even during long hot practices and frustrating games our team never lost its spirit.

Achieving such goals as winning our homecoming game as well as our game against Portage Centeral made this an extremely special year. We won a strongly contested battle that went into overtime with Portage Central. As a result of our victory the goal posts at McCamley field were painted brown and orange. Our football team played to sellout crowds with record numbers of people paying to stand and watch our team.

Portage Northern Varsity proved to be a top class football team, thanks to the dedication and interest of all involved with Portage Northern.

ABOVE: Perfection is demanded by Coach Joe Wood. FAR RIGHT: Precision blocking by Scott Benjamin opens the field for Brad Stermer's 80 yard play. RIGHT: Northern's lightning fast reaction time was a key factor in our vicotries.

FRONT ROW: Ron Downs, Rusty Dehart, Randy Plair, Mark Vickery, Mike Proos, Scott Benjamin, Rob Locker, Jeff McCarty, Terry Butcher. SECOND ROW: Tim Nieboer, Jeff Agar, Bill Brisky, Roger Rosenthal, Brad Stermer, Jeff Kurcab, John Cook, John Scott. THIRD ROW: Robert Copprue, Clark Brown, Jim Frego, Don Kizer, Darryl Dolby, Kevin McVoy, Bill McVeigh, Mark Kenny, Rich Harrison. FOURTH ROW: Don Terry, David Jefferies, Dave Laing, Tom Carlton, Frank Bindi, Jeff Colwell, Todd Kirkendall, Gary Butcher. FIFTH ROW: Dan Meyers, Tom Postula, Chuck Mizikar, Bryon Wilson, Todd Meulman, John Knudsen, Joe Zerbel, Jeff Newlun. SIXTH ROW: Jeff Moore, John Herman, Tom Ebert, Kevin Brinks, Jim Paro, Mike Runyon, Don Linde, Paolo Amado. BACK ROW: Brad Meyers, Manager Chris Wood, Coach Jim Stevenson, Coach Wight, Coach Joe Wood, Coach Roger, Coach Frazier, Manager Bill McKinney.

Huskies Dominate Scoreboards

ABOVE: Spectacular twists and turns enable Randy Plair to gain 250 yards during a game. ABOVE RIGHT: Defensive pursuers are outmanuvered by Fullback Robert Copprue. BOTTOM RIGHT: Our football players will do anything to score. BELOW: An extra point kick is attempted by Tom Carlton.

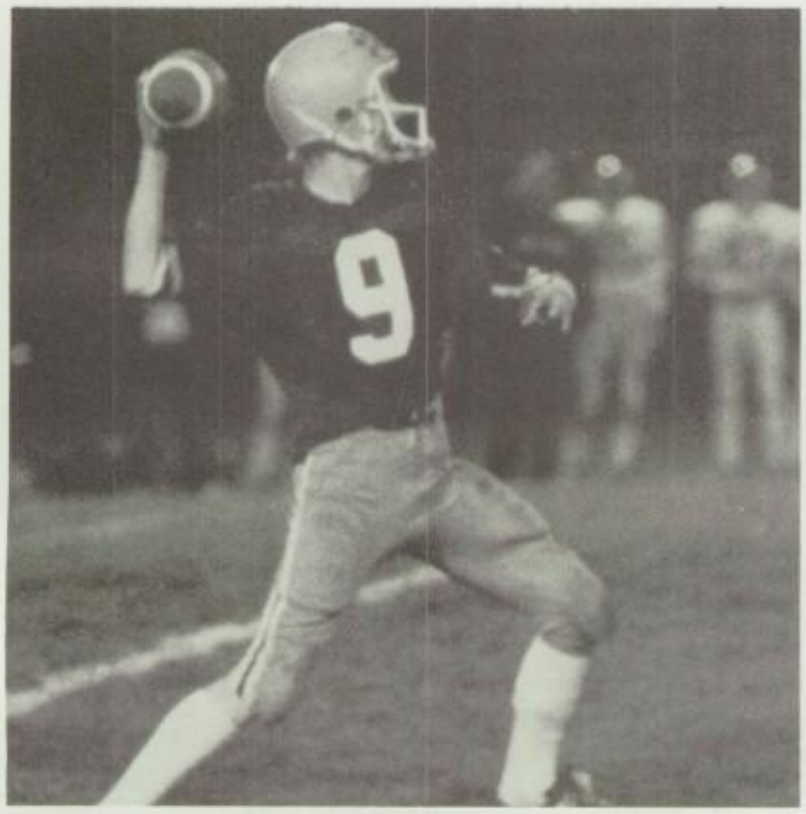
ABOVE LEFT: A fast break by Patti Olivares assures two points. ABOVE: A shot for two is attempted by Erin Fitzgerald. BELOW: With fire in her eyes, Mary Schwemmin makes a pressure free throw with ease.

Our J.V. football team was a well coached and hard working team. While not winning all of their confrontations, they used teamwork and skill to give a good fight and performance

The J.V. football team ran up against some rough competition during the season, but through thick and thin the team showed true Huskie spirit.

The team worked hard all season and had a good time doing it. Coach Gene Bombich and assistant Coach Jeff Loney formed a great bunch of guys into a spirited Huskie football team.

J.V. Sports Drive For Victory



ABOVE: Another long pass by John Cowden helps the Huskie strategy. ABOVE RIGHT: Teamwork is the key factor in a Huskie-Holland match-up. BELOW: Part of the offensive squad watches eagerly as the Huskies begin another play.

From the starting whistle until the final buzzer the girls' junior varsity basketball team played hard and demonstrated true Huskie spirit. Though not attaining a top record, the girls did a fine job on the court.

The jay-vee team members made some excellent plays, scrapping for the ball and fighting for rebounds. Jumpshots and layups also helped the team in its drive for victory.

The hours spent after school practicing benefitted the girls team. It allowed for them to improve their skills as well as find new friendships. The girls formed a hard working team with the support of coach Mike Contibear.

After recovering the loss of many seniors, the girls' basketball team clinched some well earned victories. These victories were due to some long and grueling practices which prefected the needed skills of basketball, such as speed, accuracy, aggressiveness and team efforts.

The girls were instructed by Mr. Dick Rossio who was kept hopping with two games a week and daily practices.

The team worked as one this year to perfect a pattern which could be looked at and admired by one and all. This pattern was effective because of the comradeship that developed among the competitors on and off the court.

BOTTOM LEFT: Keep-away is the name of the game for Luan Tuttle. BOTTOM RIGHT: Fast action is Darci Shugars' style. TOP RIGHT: The fighting spirit is in Melonie Leather.

Rebound With Girls' Basketball

FRONT ROW: Sonja Johnson, Erin Fitzgerald, Chris Niedzielski, Mary Schwemmin, Patty McCartney, Beth Kirlin. SECOND ROW: Kim Gentry, Debbie Kellam, Sally Harrington, Melonie Leather, Luan Tuttle, Tracy Daniel, Darlene Bosma. BACK ROW: Coach Mike Contibear, Kim Thayer, Kay Sheldon, Stephanie York, Angie Sukovich, Darci Shugars, Kenlynn Meyer, Coach Dick Rossio. TOP LEFT: With awesome power Kim Gentry launches this shot. BOTTOM LEFT: Precision and accuracy are Tracy Daniel's target. ABOVE RIGHT: With cat-like speed Kenlynn Meyer shakes opponent.

Women's Tennis Still Volleying

OPPOSITE TOP RIGHT: With good form Diane Donnelly stretches to take a low volley. ABOVE LEFT: Kelly Keegan guards the back line with her two-handed backhand. FAR RIGHT: As Karen Arvanigian give instructions, Shelly Karis, Kathy Borden, and Kelly Keegan listen carefully. OPPOSITE LEFT: As Beth Andreasen waits patiently, Terri Chambers serves. OPPOSITE RIGHT: With a powerful forehand Tonya Domke returns the ball.

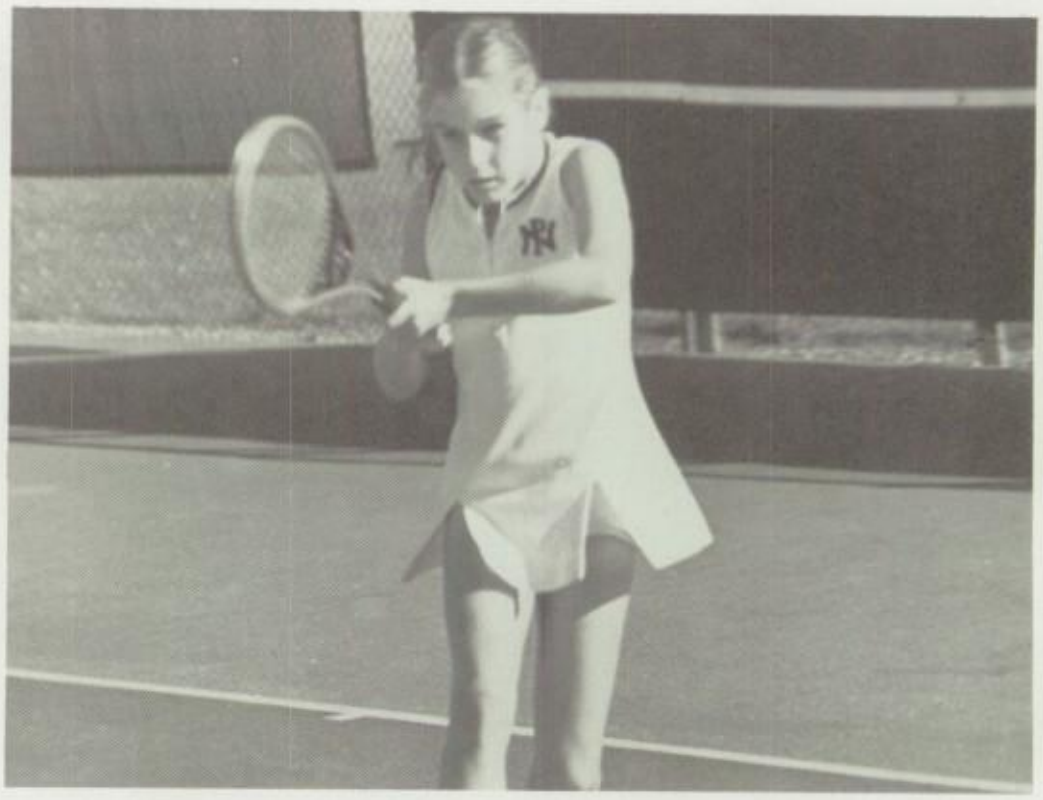
First Row: Terri Chambers, Uta Rykert, Shelly Karis, Lisa Fink, Diane Donnelly, Holly Pifer, Carla Folz. Second Row: Karen Haggard, Beth Andreasen, Kelly Keegan, Teresa Assenzo, Kathy Borden, Krista Wirt, Coach Mrs. Sandy Peterson. Back Row: Denise Richmond, Jean Rodenhiser, Lisa Fortman, Anne Vescovi, Becky Pfeifer, Karen Arvanigian, Tonya Domke .

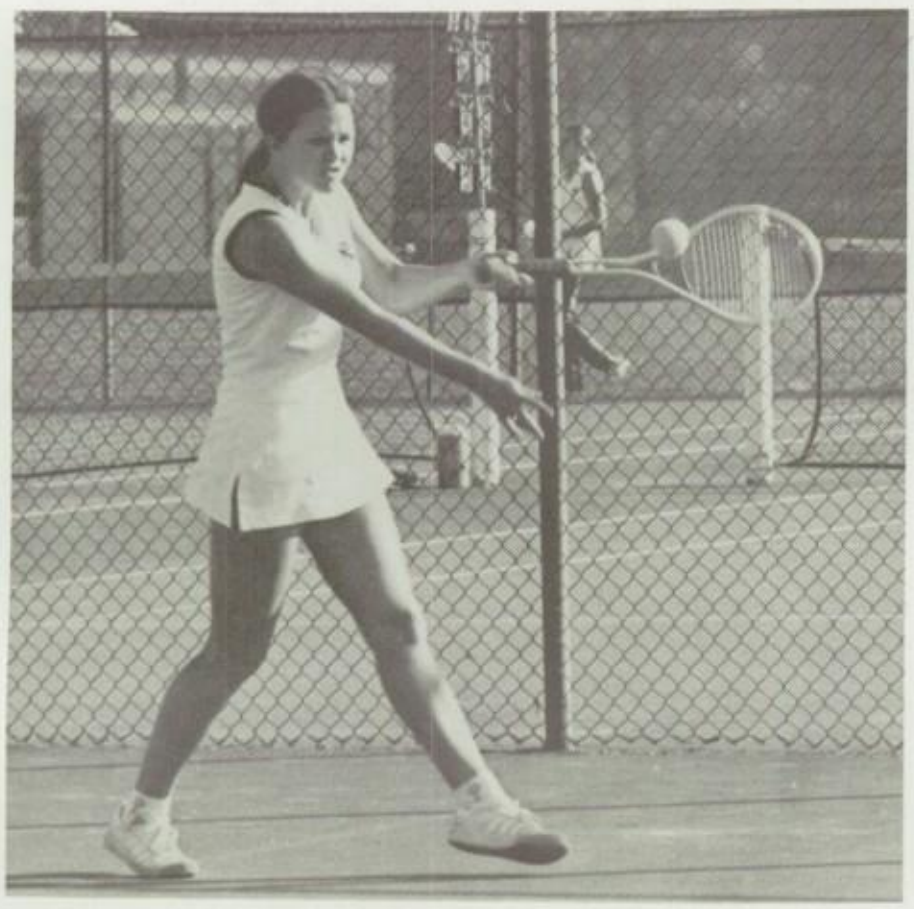
TOP LEFT: Coach Sandy Peterson checks up on her team members. TOP MIDDLE: Before the match Holly Pifer gives a little magic act. ABOVE LEFT: As Becky Pfeifer guards the net, Anne Vescovi assists. ABOVE: Karen Haggard concentrates on stopping her opponent.

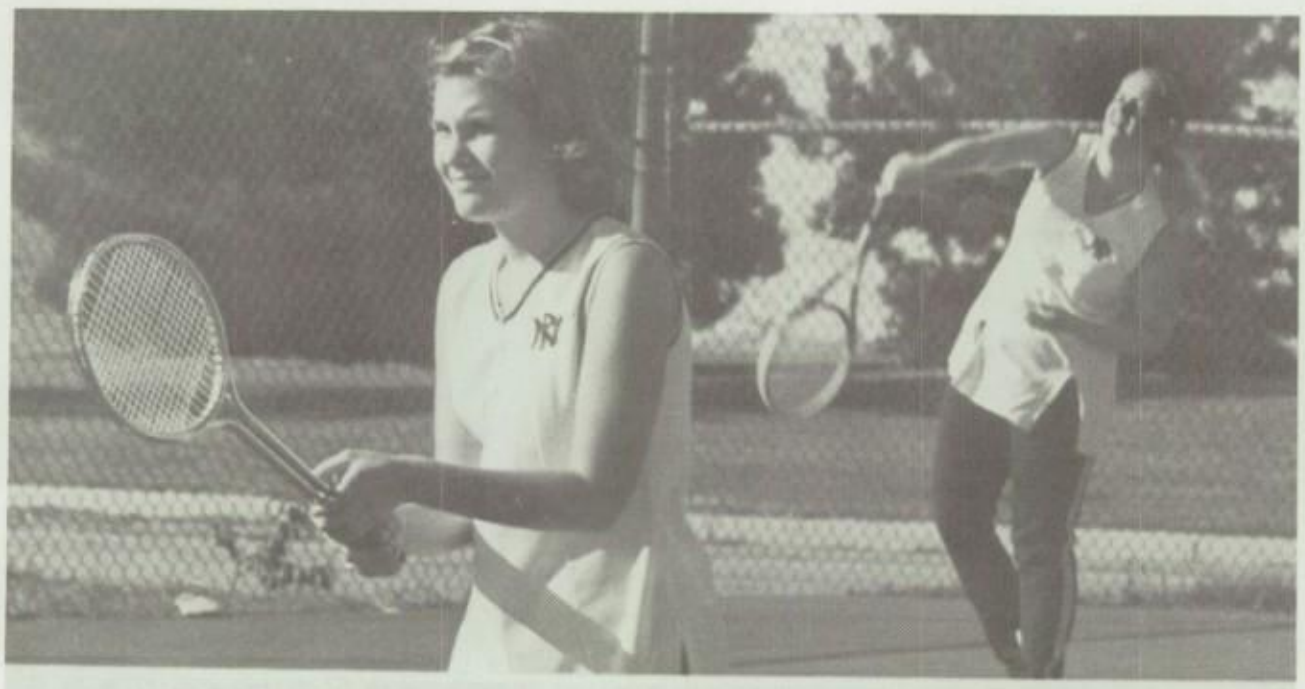
Mrs. Sandy Peterson coached the women's tennis t eam to another successful season. They started the season off in the warmth of early September and worked hard and long to make a good year for themselves. And good they made it.

The women's tennis team did an excellent job of representing the Northern Huskies. They overpowered their opponents on the court with skill and off the court with spirit. It didn't matter to them if the matches were home or away. They cheered teammates on, swapped strategies, and were just a close bunch of girls.

By the time the season had ended the women had finished second in the conference with a seven and two record. From there they went on to regional where they fought hard and came out on top once again. As a finale, the women scored high competing in the State Tournament.

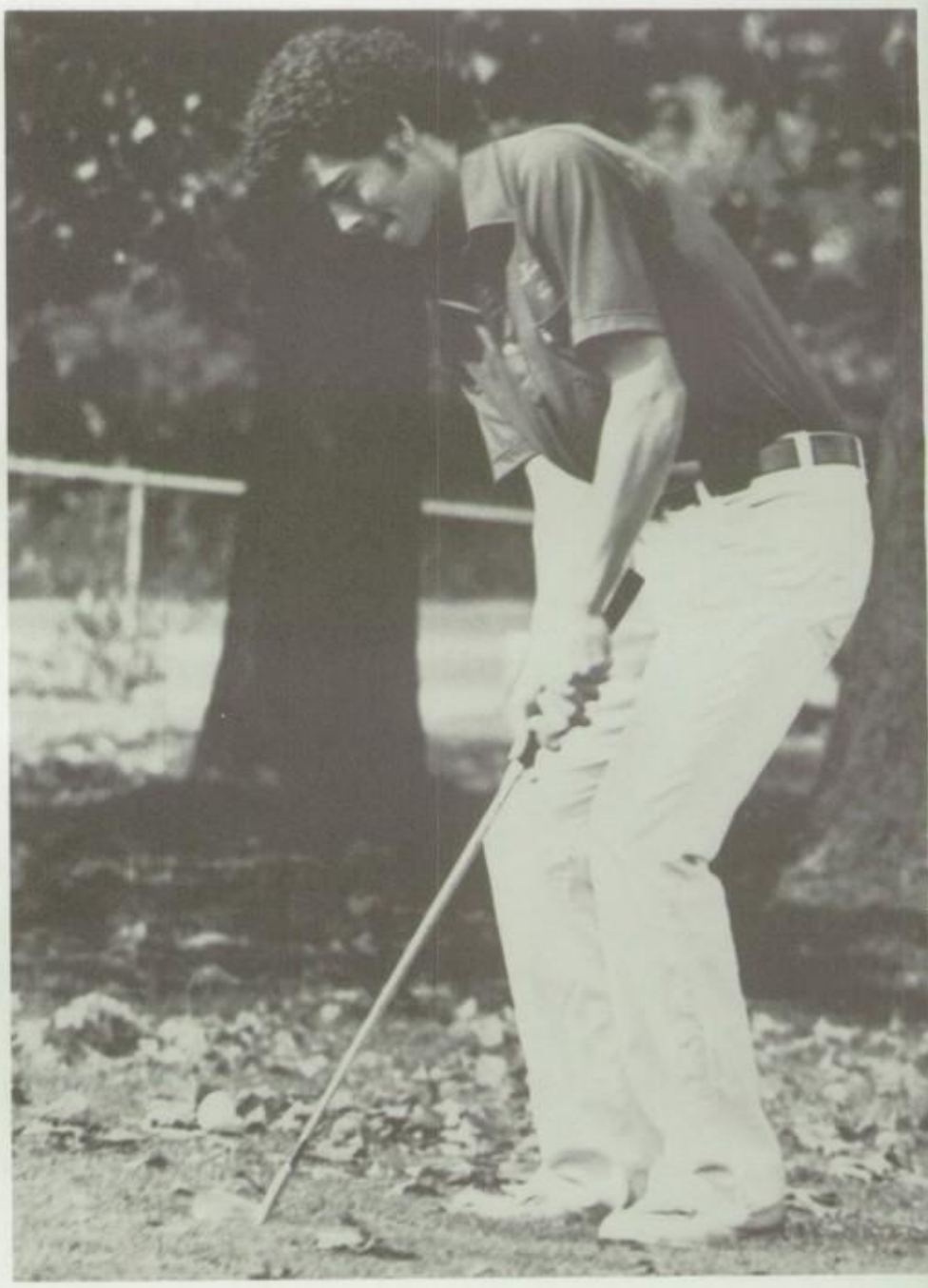






Boys' Golf One Stroke Ahead

TOP LEFT: After a commanding tee shot, Greg Welch watches hopefully. ABOVE: A shot from the rough for Craig Binder. LEFT: The nine iron helps Mike Dobbs get out of a sand trap. BELOW: Patience helps Tony Olivares sink the putt.



One of the major events in the sporting world at Northern in the fall was boys' golf. The season was one that was filled with excitement and competition.

Strong golf has been a tradition at Portage Northern for many years. Head Coach Dave Harmsen, helped by assistant Coach Don Greisbach, led the Huskies to many victories during the season.

Over all, boys' golf did very well in their conference. With the strong support of the entire team, the boys' proved worthy of the title Huskies.

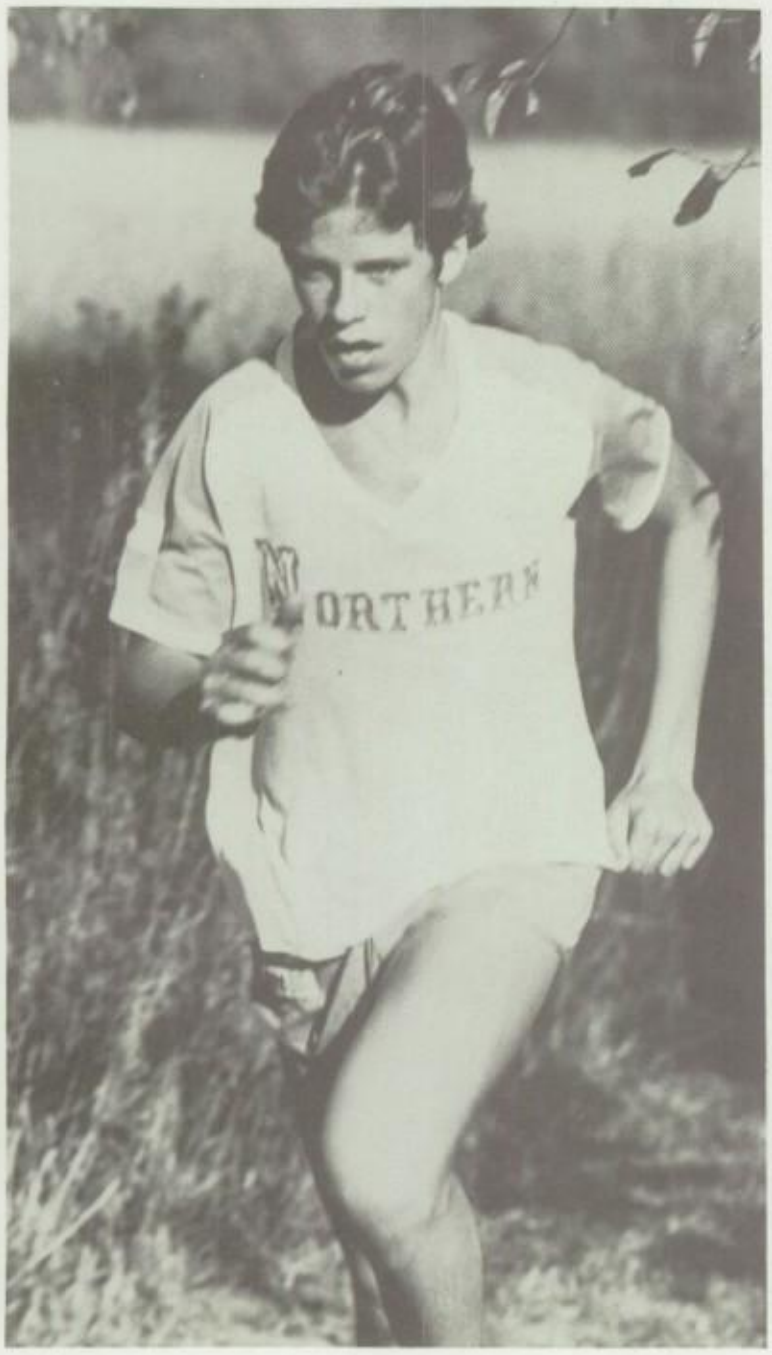
TOP LEFT FRONT ROW: Craig Binder, Steve Stanely, Jon Anderson, Tony Olivares, Rusty Meisterheim, Joel Shephard, Dave Smedstad. BACK ROW: Dale Mattenson, Asst. coach Mr. Don Griesbach, Tim Pryson, Greg Welch, John Griesbach, Jeff Rice, Head coach Dave Harmsen. LEFT: Long putts are one of John Griesbach's specialties. ABOVE: The tee shot is important to Steve Stanely.

BELOW: After the race, Mikko Rydman drops to the ground to take a breather. BOTTOM LEFT: Postgame scoring is part of coaching, shown here by Mr. Jack Magelssen. LEFT FRONT ROW: Mikko Rydman, Mike McCarthy, Jim Cieslack, Robert Straw. SECOND ROW: Richard Szywaja, Jay Spade, Brett Comar, V. C. Schroeder, Pete Fink. BACK ROW: Coach Jack Magelssen, Alan Hendershot, Chuck Carpenter, Scott Mais, Rob Janke. TOP LEFT: As Mike McCarthy runs, he also thinks about keeping his pace. TOP: "Bang!" Northern runners start another long meet. OPPOSITE FAR RIGHT: Desolation is part of running, as Scott Mais knows well. OPPOSITE RIGHT: As every ounce of muscle strains, Jim Cieslack keeps on going

With strong endurance and desire our boys' cross country team ran through another exciting season. They began practicing in early July and continued their conditioning throughout their season. This enabled them to maintain the skills it took to run the rugged courses.

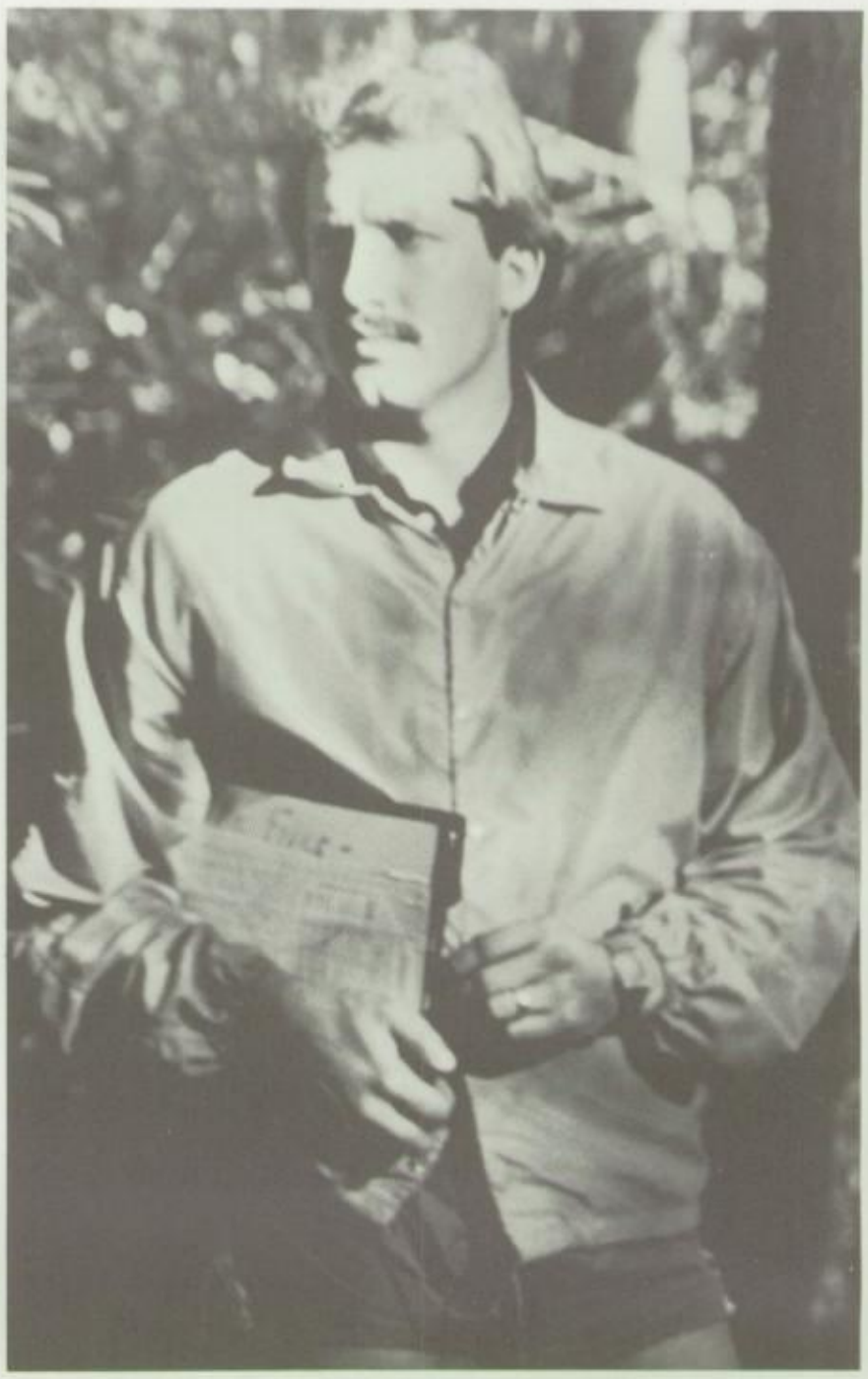
All during the season our Huskies showed great talent. They gave each race a one hundred percent effort and then some. Because of their dedication, they sported a record which everyone could be and was proud of.

Although the majority of their cross country races were far from Huskie territory, the boys' carried true Huskie spirit with them wherever they went. Their dedication to the sport of cross country running was a very admirable quality and should be followed by all



Over Hill and Dale

Cross Country Strives For Perfection



ABOVE: As the runners come in, Monica Marsden has the job of handing out the placing sticks. RIGHT: As the team crosses the finish line, Coach Bill Fries looks on. BELOW RIGHT: With a tired look Betsy Steward eyes the finish line and sprints in. BELOW: Exhaustion over takes Chris Rae as she collapses on the ground.

The girls' cross country season actually started in July rather than in the fall. Coach Bill Fries had his girls doing strenuous workouts as well as running to prepare them for the demanding races they'd encounter once the season officially started in September.

With all that practicing the girls had a remarkable season. They trampled teams from all over Michigan with the strong endurance that was achieved by their preseason activities.

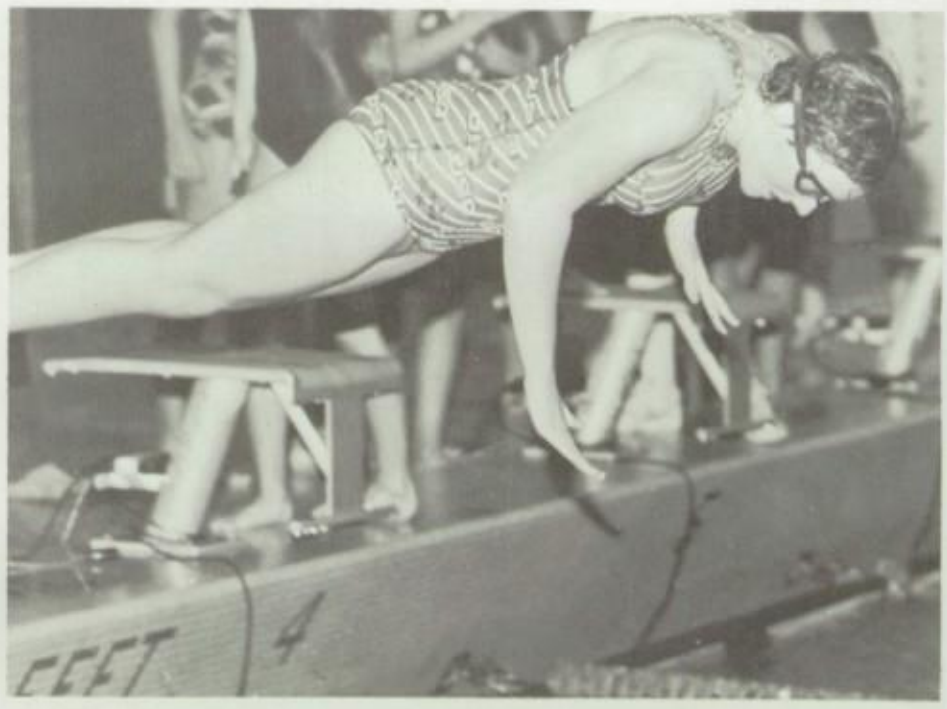
Not only did our girls provide us with a terrific season, they also displayed true Huskie spirit as they conquered the opposition. They were courageous and dedicated as they ran each course, characteristics everyone could admire.

BOTTOM: Ahead of the pack Sue Reed strives for a good finish. BOTTOM RIGHT: After a long race Anne Phoelman quenches her thirst. ABOVE RIGHT FRONT ROW: Sandy Mattingly, Mina Berge, Brooke Johnson, Monica Marsden. SECOND ROW: Mary Johnston, Karen Smith, Michelle Cookenmaster, Jill Taaffe. THIRD ROW: Sue Reed, Betsy Steward, Chris Rae, Anne Poehlman. BACK ROW: Cory Bachleda, Erica Kirsch, Alaine Duholke, Coach Fries.

With many rookie swimmers joining the squad, the girls' swimming team spent much of its season rebuilding. They were still able, however, to come out on top in many of their meets. Despite starting off with a loss to Battle Creek Central, the girls went on to have a strong season which will undoubtedly carry over to a victorious season next year.

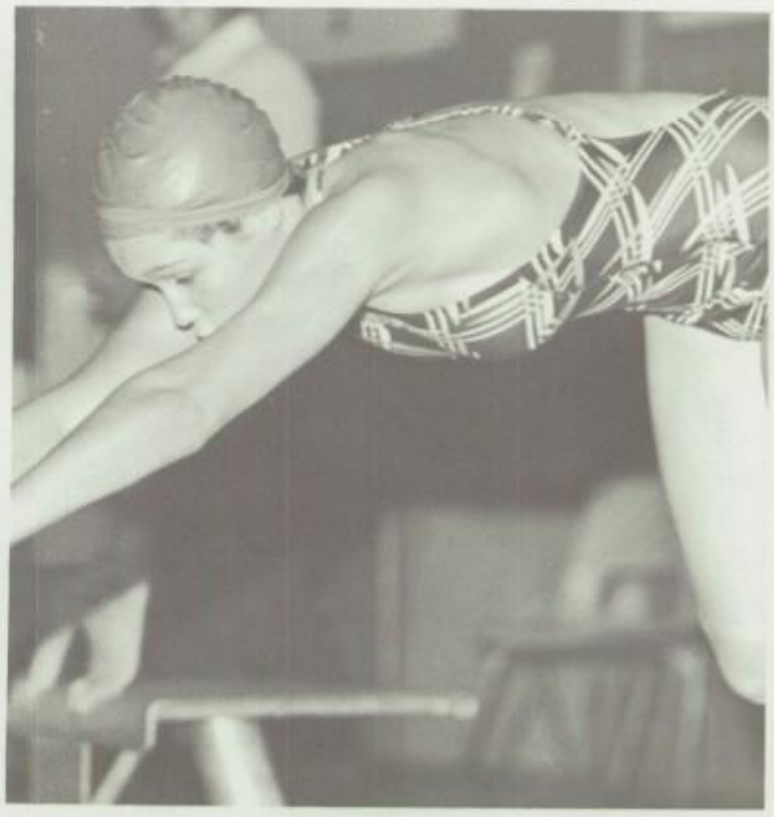
Although some meets ended in frustration, the girls always held their heads high with true Huskie spirit, pride, and sportsmanship.

Mr. Paul Jernberg's excellent coaching, along with hard workouts and many hours of diligent practice showed how proud the girls' swimming team was to be Huskies.



ABOVE: Determined to come up with a win, Laura Proos gets off to a fast start. BELOW LEFT: In perfect form, Missy Cornish swims the butterfly hard and fast. BELOW: Beautiful dives are no problem for Ellen Janke. BOTTOM: Enthusiastic swimmers cheer on their teammates as they swim their hardest for a victory.

Practice, Dedication Make Splash



FRONT ROW: Lisa DeYoung, Jenny Zehner, Molly Hook, Lisa Ogren. SECOND ROW: Shelly Keegan, Julie Barron, Patty Herendeen, Laura Thede, Barb Grill, Sheryl Blackburn, Jill Vredevelt, Jill Brenneman. THIRD ROW: Coach Paul Jernberg, Daria Chobey, Jill Kuczera, Laurie Rosenthal, Laura Proos, Missy Cornish, Judy Hentschel. BACK ROW: Ellen Janke, Deb Ball, Linda Asken, Sue Allen, Diane Pilot, Julia Herendeen. TOP LEFT: Coming up for air is Jill Vredervelt as she goes for a win. TOP RIGHT: Ready to get off to a fast start is Laurie Rosenthal. MIDDLE RIGHT: With confidence Patty Herendeen swims the back stroke. BOTTOM RIGHT: A good finish is the aim of Linda Asken .

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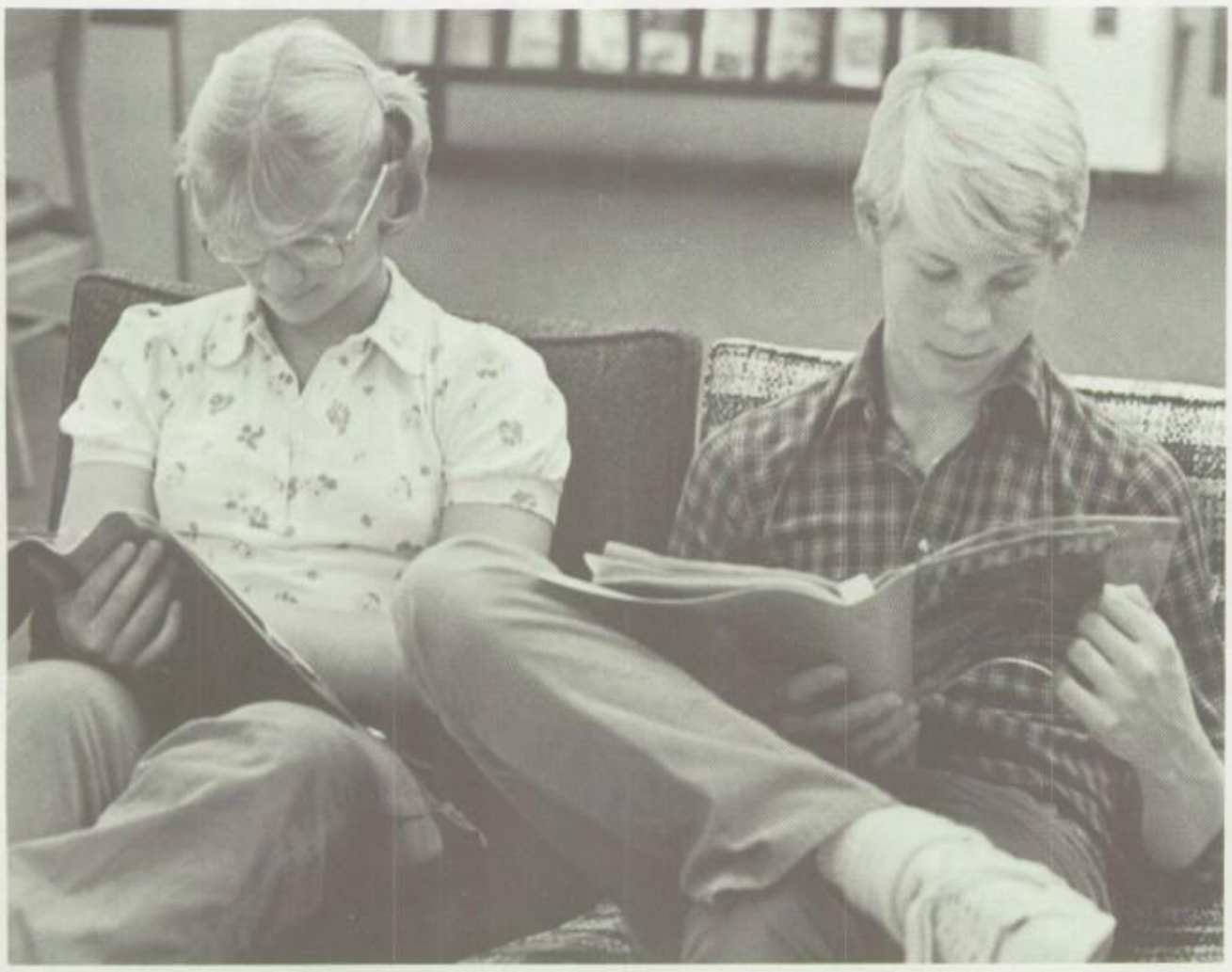


Juniors Experiment with Career Ideas

Nancy Adkins
Julie Allers
Annie Allgyer
Paolo Amado
Ross Ambrose

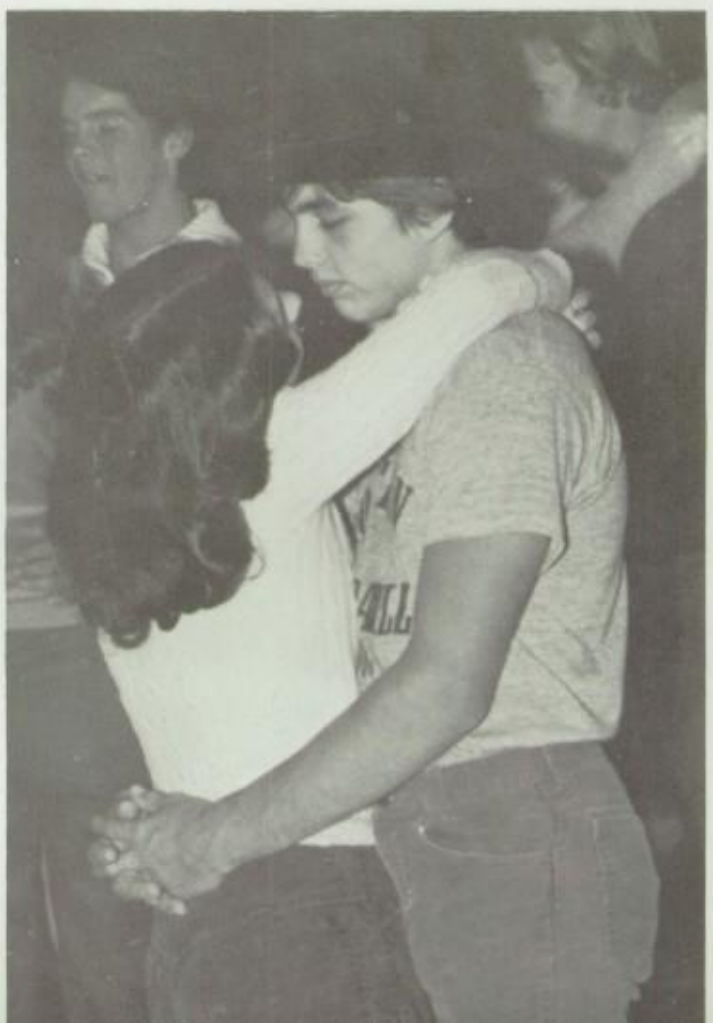
Bill Amsbury
Jon Anderson
Beth Andreasen
Sherri Arend
Karen Armstrong

Tim Arney
Rick Asken
Teresa Assenzo
Missy Atkins
Tony Austin

Laila Baker
Laura Bardo
Tim Bare
Terry Bartholomew
John Bauman

Tom Baxter
Mike Beach

Molly Becker
John Belco



By the time students reached their junior year most had achieved the goal of obtaining a driver's license. With this certificate, juniors were allowed more freedom in society, and dating became less of a problem. Eleventh grade drivers filled the student parking lot with an array of automobiles.

Transportation, however, was not the only problem when it came to dating. Money was an obstacle for most juniors. Consequently, they flooded the major fast food restaurants and private businesses hoping for employment to supply their financial needs.

Along with obtaining a driver's license and a job, juniors were also offered a larger variety of classes than what was previously offered them. Class decisions made by eleventh graders were based on course requirements and personal interests.

Todd Belt
James Berry
Frank Bindi
Mike Birdsall
Tracy Bitson

Andy Blackman
Tony Block
Sally Blystone
Denise Boehle
Mary Jo Boersma

Kevin Bolen
Holly Boling
Mary Bonhomme
Charles Bonnema
Mike Bowker

LEFT: Tony Latora Deb Rose ance the night away.

Juniors Enjoy

Richard Bradshaw
Mark Breuer
Kevin Brinks
Scott Brooks
Clark Brown

Glen Brown
Shawn Brown

Carol Buck
Linda Buckingham

Dave Burtis
Gary Butcher

Alexander Caillet
Kim Campbell
Virginia Campbell
Troy Cantwell
George Cardosa

Time to Unwind

Kris Carlson
Tom Carlton
Danielle Cass
David Cassell
Jeff Cassell

Kim Cato
Lauri Cheatham

Kin San Cheung
Lisa Chew

Mary Chivikas
Daria Chobey

Jeff Colwell
Bret Comar
Sherri Conrad
Robert Copprue
Missy Cornish

ABOVE: Library provides relaxation for juniors.

Juniors Anticipate Their Senior Year

Cathy Courtney

Julie Cramer

Rich Crampton

Michelle Crandall

Cheri Crawford
Tim Crill
John Curry
Bob Dalla
Tracy Daniels

Kris Danley
Jim Davoust
Jannette Deaux
Lori Deem
Shelly Dehoff

Dan Devine
Randy Doorlag
Mary Drehobl
Todd Duran

Jackie Eaton
Tom Ebert
Barb Eley
Clara Elkan

Jill Eudy
Jon Farrand
Jean Figo
Mike Fitzgerald

Lisa Fleck
Carla Folz
Lisa Fortman
Kim Gentry

LEFT: Conversation keeps Missy Cornish, Lisa Schade, Kim Cato, and Betty Sanchez busy. BELOW: Senate involves Laura Bardo.

James Gibson
Tammy Gilliam
Tammy Granger
Leann Greene
Graham Gregory
John Griesbach

Wendi Griggs
Greg Gustin

Karen Haggard
Tom Hamacher

Doug Hamilton
Raejean Hamilton

ABOVE: Cross Country member Sue Reed finishes a long meet. OPPOSITE: Junior Gordon Weller skates down ice to score.

Steve Hardin
Dean Hare
James Hatridge
Tom Hazel
Sandy Heinrich
Judy L. Hentschel

Juniors Strive for Perfection in Varsity Sports

John Herman
Terry Herrell
Kerrie Hicks
Anndru Hill
Todd Hoeksema

Mark Holmes
Alison Hoover
Angela Hosek
Chuck Hotchkiss
Scott Hotchkiss

Jay Huelsman
Barb Hyde

John Jackson
Michelle Jacobs

John Jaksa
Robert Janke

Many Activities Interest Juniors

Dave Jeffries
Arie J. Johnson
Dawn Johnson
Terri Johnson
Michael Jones

Richard Jones
Kim Kalleward
Shelley Karis
Kelly A. Keegan
Linda Kingsbury

Kathy Kingsnorth
Todd Kirkendall
Rhonda Kitchen
John W. Knudsen
Mike Kolenko

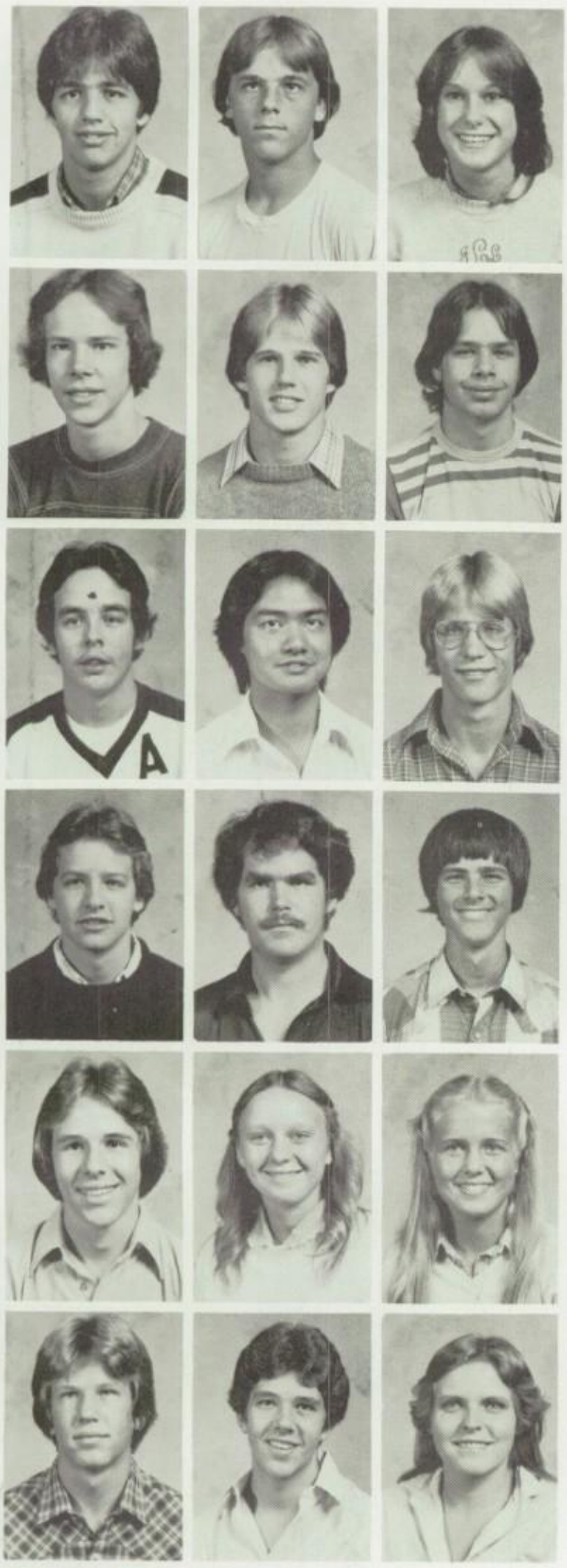
Kelly Kozy
Sherri Kroll
Jill Kuczera
Pam Kuiper
Shelley Lagerberg

David Laing

Many people would agree that the junior year is one of the most important years of a person's life. One of the reasons for it being so important is that decisions are made regarding one's career. This year many of our juniors participated in the Career Planning Program. This enabled them to search for future occupations

During this search for the right occupation they continued to struggle through some of their more advanced classes. Many of the classes that the juniors took were college prep, classes which required many long nights of studying.

The studying that the juniors did would help them out greatly in the future years.



Tony Latora
Jon Laurin
Jodi Lauritzen

Jim Lentz
Don Linde
Bill Linderman

Mark Luke
Ken Lum
Ken Maat

Scott Mac Ritchie
Gerald Maher
Jeff Mais

ABOVE: Childcare comes easy to Terri Ongley.

Tony Mak
Rosemary Manion
Patti Marshburn

Rob Martin
Charles Mastrandrea
Deenie Matrau

Talent Flows From Juniors

David Maurer
Julie May
David Mayer
Brenda Mayette
Mike McCabe

Patti Mc Cartney

Matt McDade

Dave Mckinley

Kelly McLain
Cynthia Meints
Debbie Meisterheim
Robin Merrill
Mike Mertel

Todd Meulman
Brad Meyers
Jim Meyers
Bob Milbeck
Dan Miller

Chuck Mizikar
Shari Moeslein
Amy Moniz
Jeff Moore
Don Morris

Tammy Moss
Rosanne Mott
Anita Mureika
Missy Neal
Peter Nezamis

Dean Olivanti
Tony Olivares

Jeff Olmstead
James Olson

Daniel Olvitt
Terri Ongley

LEFT: Taking shop seriously is Terry Bartholomew's motive. ABOVE: Practice makes perfect thinks John Griesbach and Tad Rau.

Judy Orosz

Jackie Palmore

Steve Pappas
Rob Paradine
Charles Parker
James Paro
Jill Pfister

Mike Phelps
Sheryl Phillips
Marcia Piepr
Kim Pieratt
Eric J. Pierce

Holly Pifer
Cheryl Pike
David Pilot
Pam Platteborze
Sherrie Pletcher

RIGHT: Spare time in French class gives Pam Platterborze, Jannette Deaux, and Jill Eudy a chance to talk. TOP: Speed and performance are important to Junior Jody Walker while typing. OPPOSITE: Junior Brian Snell plays a leading role in a skit .

Class of '82 Enjoys Junior Year

Laurie Plunkett
Brett Pomery
Steve Pontello
Tom Postula
Todd Powley

Sherl Preston

Cheryl Prince

Melissa Prine
Laura Proos
Joe Proxmire
John Pula
Lisa Pullano

Rob Pullano
Russ Pyne
Chris Rae
Brian Rahn
Bruce Rahn

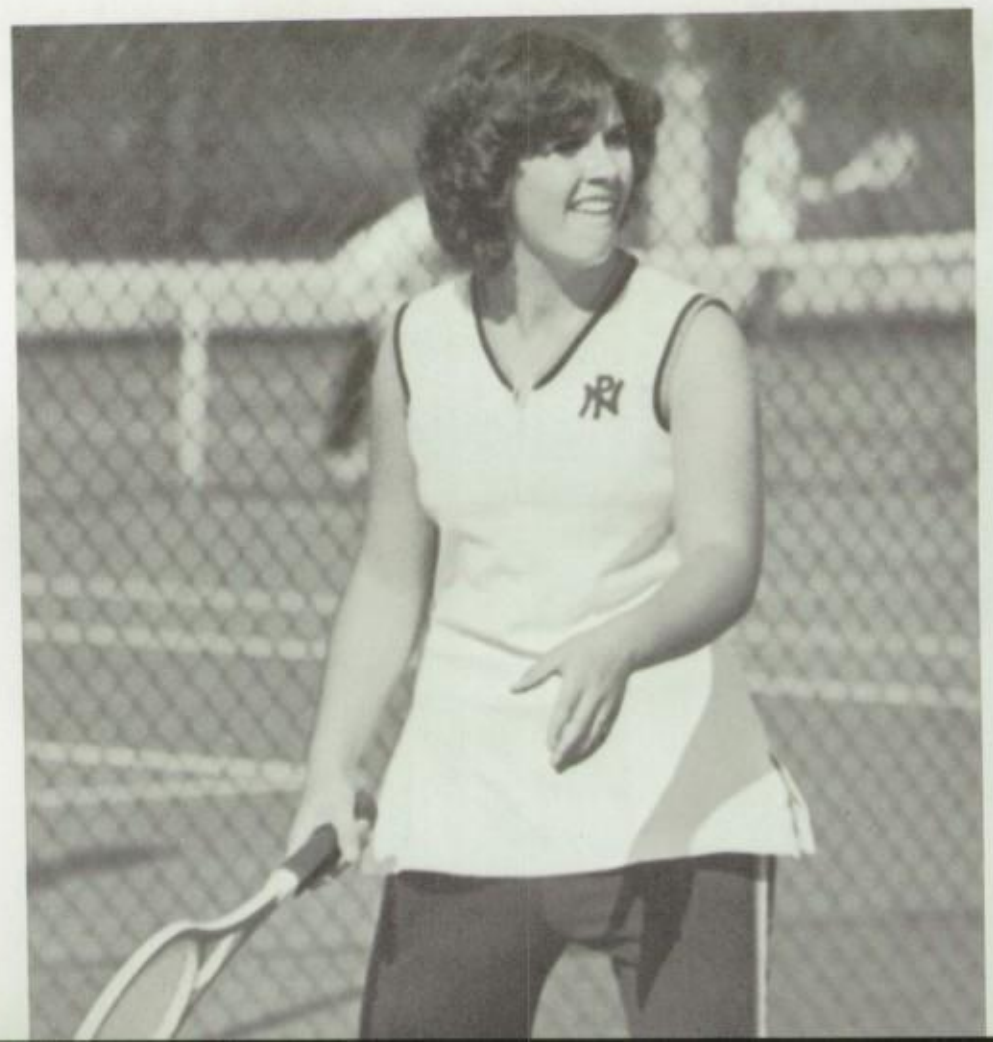
Juniors Hold Their Heads High

Kayla Ranger
Tad Rau
Tim Redmond
Carl Reed
Sue Reed

Uli Reusser
Angela Riesgraf
Julia Roark
Sindy Rogers
Teresa Rogusta

Bob Rose
Debra Rose
Laurie Rosenthal
Robert Rossi
Chris Roty

Mike Rudzik
Matt Rykert
Beth Rysenga
Dan Salgat
Beatriz Sanchez



Lisa Sandstrom
Thomas Sauer
Jeff Schaberg
Lisa Schade

Scott Schaeberle
Moniqu Scheele
Eric Scheffler
Jackie Schense

Stephanie Schieber
Beth Schikora
Carla Schlage
V. C. Schroeder

Rob Schreur
Sherri Schwab
Mary Schwemmin
Becky A. Scobey

LEFT: Keep your eye on the ball is the name of the game for Holly Pifer. ABOVE: Spanish skit involves Tom VanderBor, Mike Fitzgerald, and Jim Davoust.

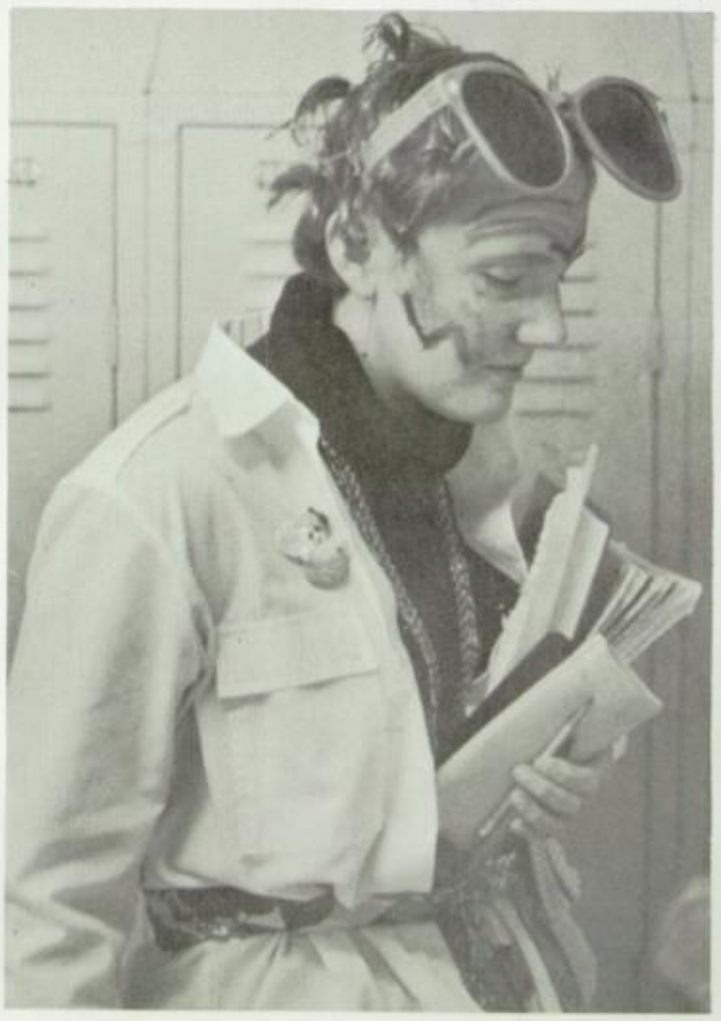
Homecoming Spirit Involves Juniors

Carolyn Searles
Rich Secondi
Beth Seidl
Julie Shafer
Karen Shelden

Darci Shugars
Ronda Simpkins
Linda Simpson
Debbie Sisak
Ray Slater

Dave Smedstad
John Smith
Kathy Smith
Ray Smith
Tom E. Smith

Brian Snell
Barbara Springer



George Stafford
Barry Stahr
Dale Stanfill
Todd Stermer

Bill Stevens
Renee Stickler
Teresa Stiles
Steve Stokes

Janet Stoneburner

Robert Straw

Angela Sukovich

ABOVE: Future chemists Brad Meyers and Rob Pullano work on their experiment. LEFT: School spirit involves Laura Proos.

Peggy Sullivan
Renee Szostek
Richard Szwaja
George Tabanguil

Lisa Taggett
Peggy Taylor

Jeff Teall
Jeff Tennis

Don Terry
Nancy Theoret

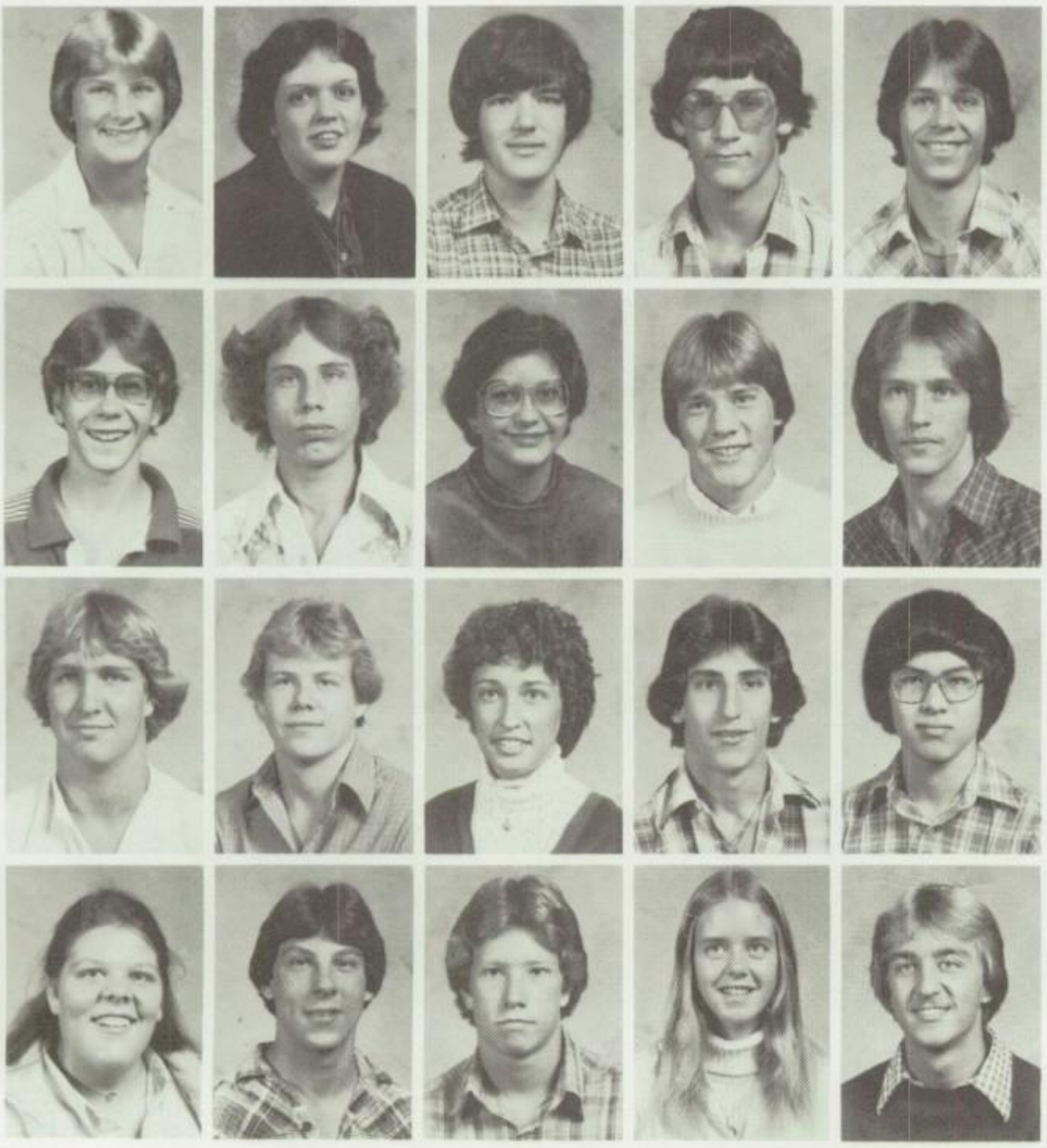
What an ugly girl! is the reaction to Joe Prox mire.

Derek Thomas
Rebeka Tiffany
Sue Trayers
Greeg O. Trimner
Brian Tucker

Lynda Tutino
Luan Tuttle
Tammy Uptgraft
Tom Vanderbor
Andy Vanderveen

Chris Vanliere
Monica Vanneer
Brenda Vantilburg
Pat Visser
Dawn Voss

Juniors Show Their Sparkle



Jody Walker
Kim Weber
Tim Webster
Gordon Weller
Jon Werme

Doug West
Mark Wetherall
Cheryl Williams
Bryon Wilson
Marvin Witt

Scott Woodworth
Bill A. Wright
Kim Wrubel
Dan Wyman
David Yoon

Stephanie York
Joe Zerbel
Brad Zins
Caroline Zweedyk
Gregg Zywicke

As anyone could see the juniors this year had a certain sparkle in their eyes which indicated that they were full of school spirit. Eleventh graders engaged themselves in numerous school activities. A popular item being spirit week. During the week of homecoming, juniors abundance of school spirit shined through in the exotic costumes they wore. Along with school spirit juniors also showed their concern for others as they participated in charity drives, such as the March of Dimes Breadlift.

Many inspired juniors led fun filled days as they involved themselves in extra curricular activities, including sports, debate, forensics, and musical groups. Throughout the year, juniors found many ways to express their terrific amount of enthusiasm that would help them in the future.

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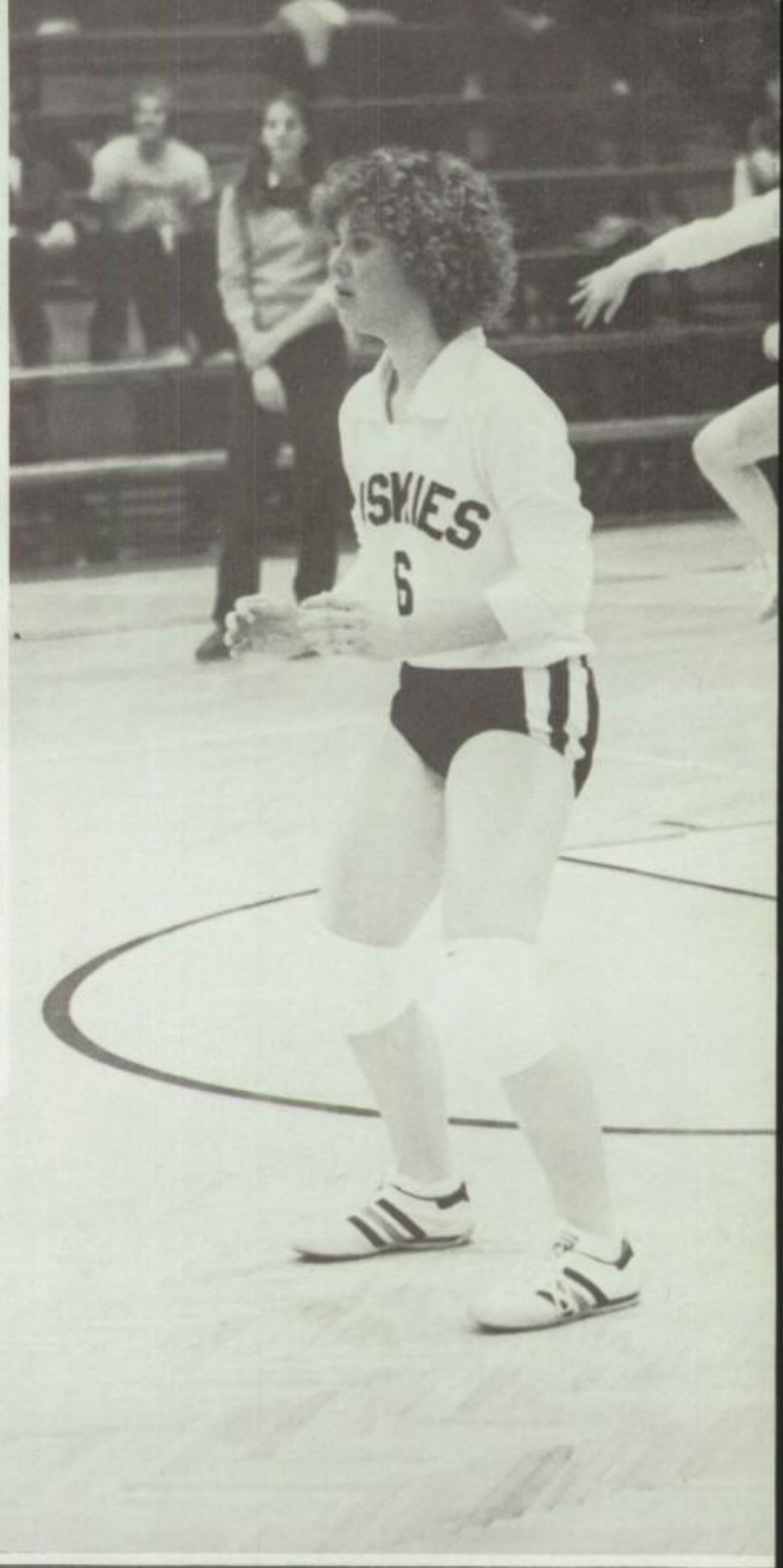
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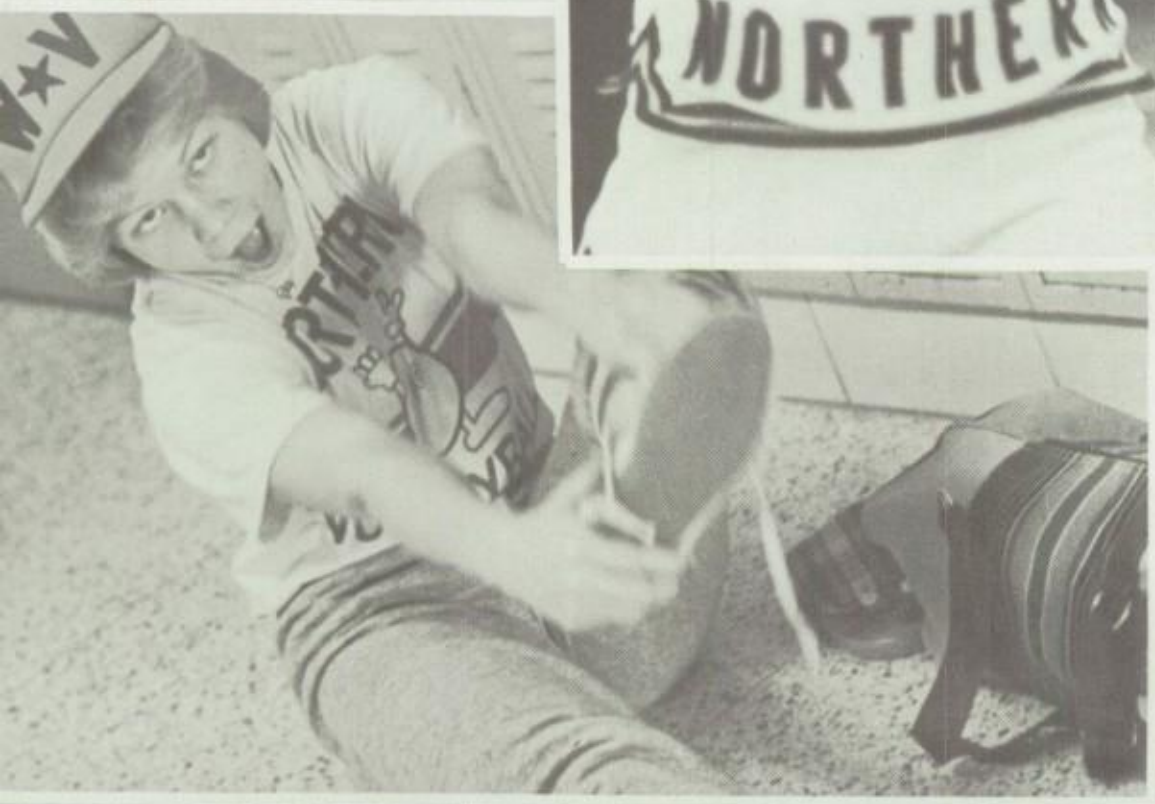

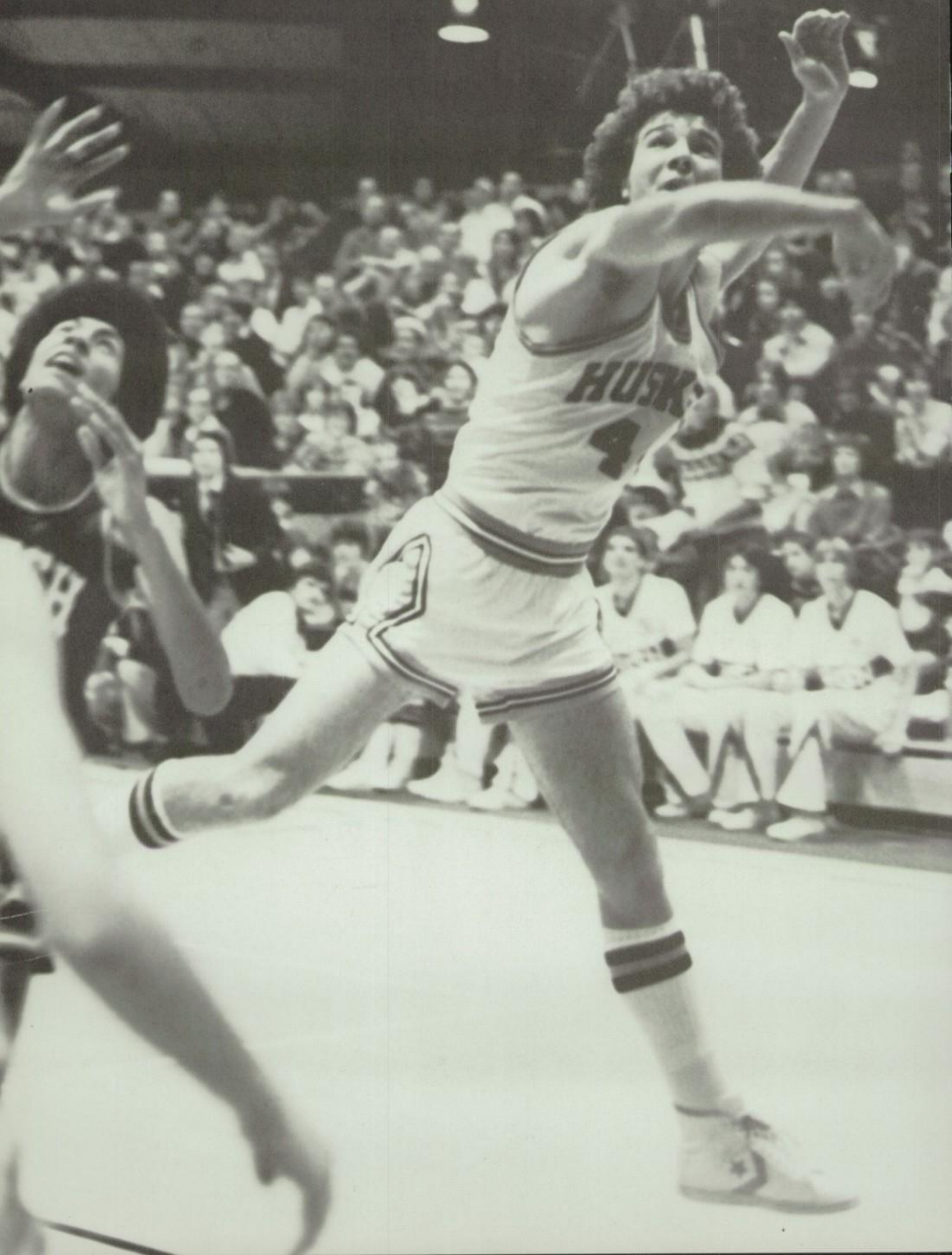
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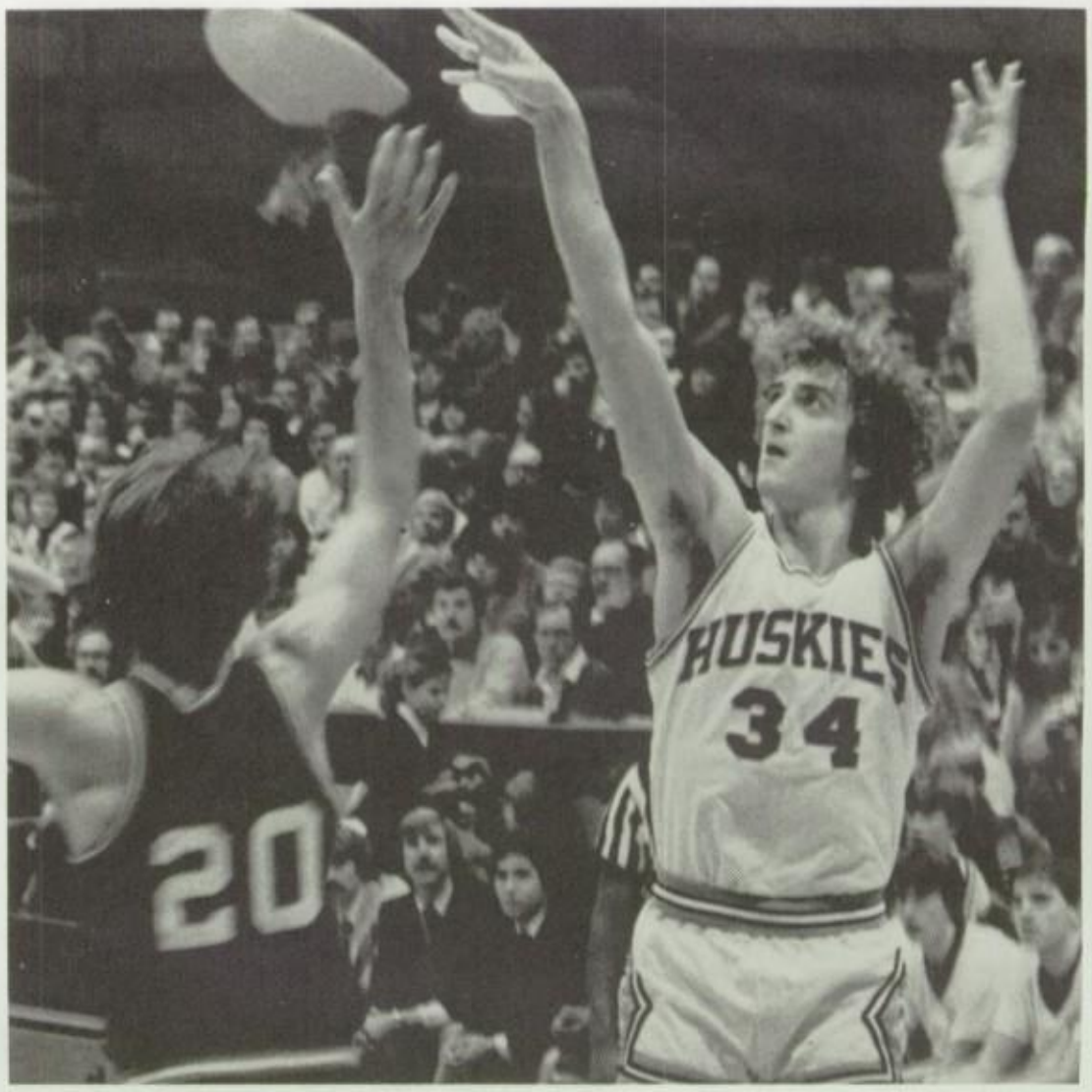
WINTER SPORTS

During the '81 basketball season, thirteen dedicated young men didn't believe in glorifying past victories, but in fortifying new ones. It was their sheer desire to win that provided the excitement throughout the season.

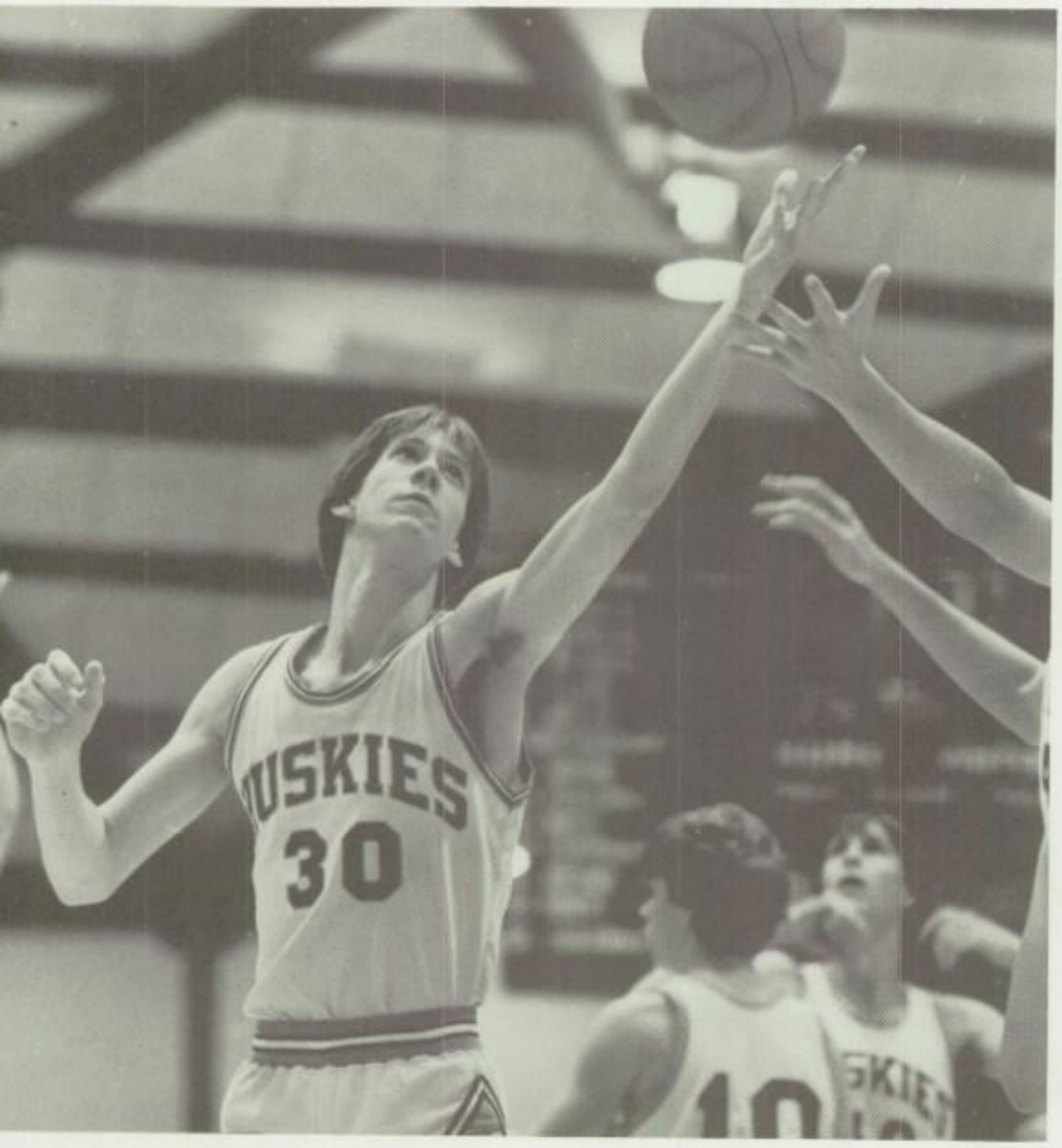
Long, grueling hours of practice enabled our Huskies to perfect the skills needed for the execution of game winning plays. Their strenuous workouts included emphasis on speed, ball control, and shooting percentage, all of which helped in each and every game.

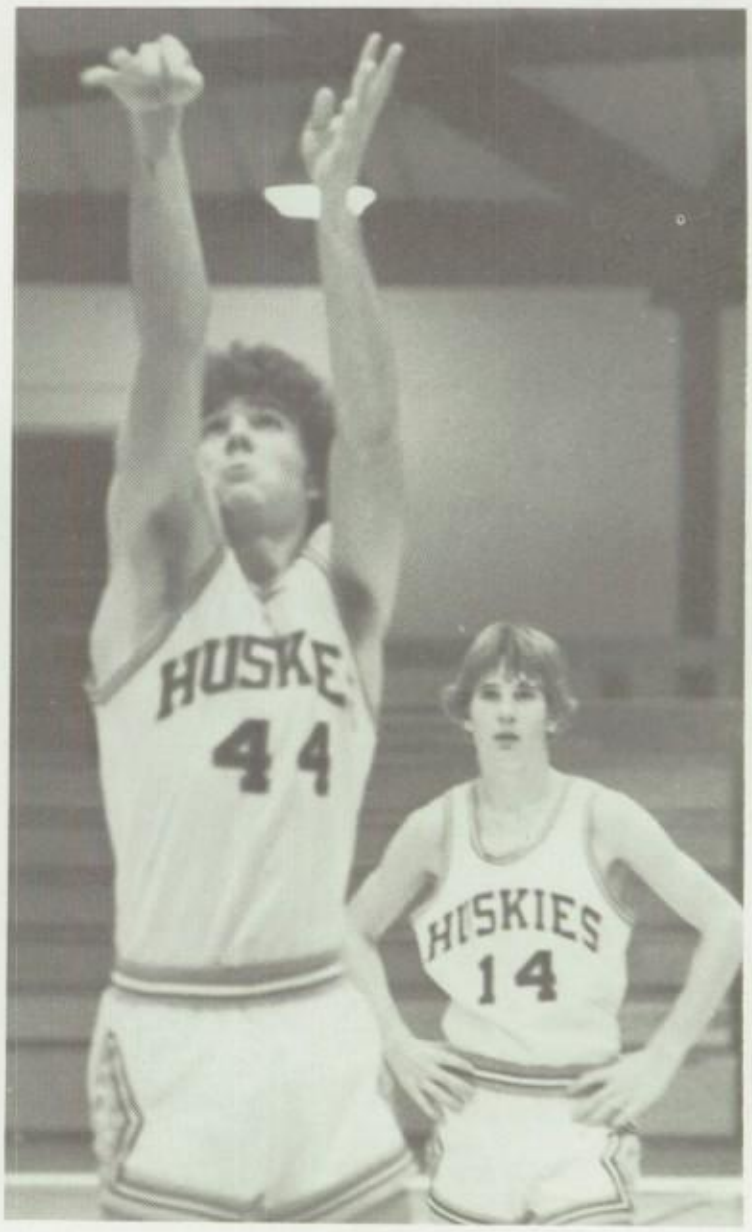
Student spirit and enthusiasm helped the basketball team find the confidence it needed to win a game. Throngs of energetic fans approvingly cheered our team to many successful endeavors. They continued Northern's legacy of superiority and provided hours of enjoyment to students.



FRONT ROW: Mike Kolenko, Scott Winegar, Bob Milbeck, Clark Brown, Jon Werme, Randy Plair, Bill McVeigh. BACK ROW: Coach David Harmsen, Greg Welch, Robert Copprue, Greg Wesselhoff, Scott Mais, Tom Ebert, Mr. Jack Tomer, (Missing from picture—Chris Coleman). ABOVE LEFT: Sophomore Scott Winegar passes for a perfect play. TOP: Always quick on a jump shot, Mike Kolenko shows his expertise. ABOVE: Fast reaction makes it easy for Robert Copprue to rebound.

Basketball Bound For Victory



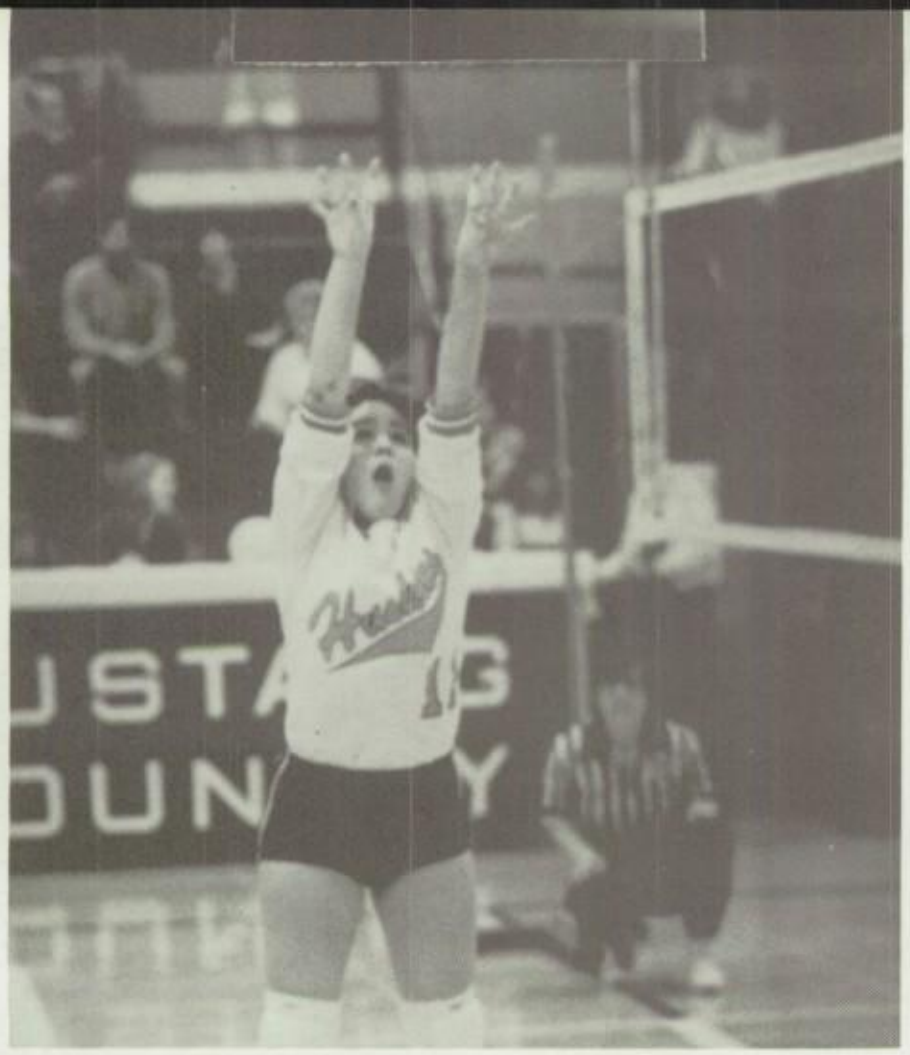


ABOVE: The ability to rebound around opponents is displayed by Greg Wesselhoff. ABOVE RIGHT: Perfect free throw form is displayed by Jon Werme. RIGHT: Often seen acing free throws is Clark Brown. BELOW: As he prepares to pass, Bill McVeigh searches for his teammates.

J.V.'s Movin' Up Court

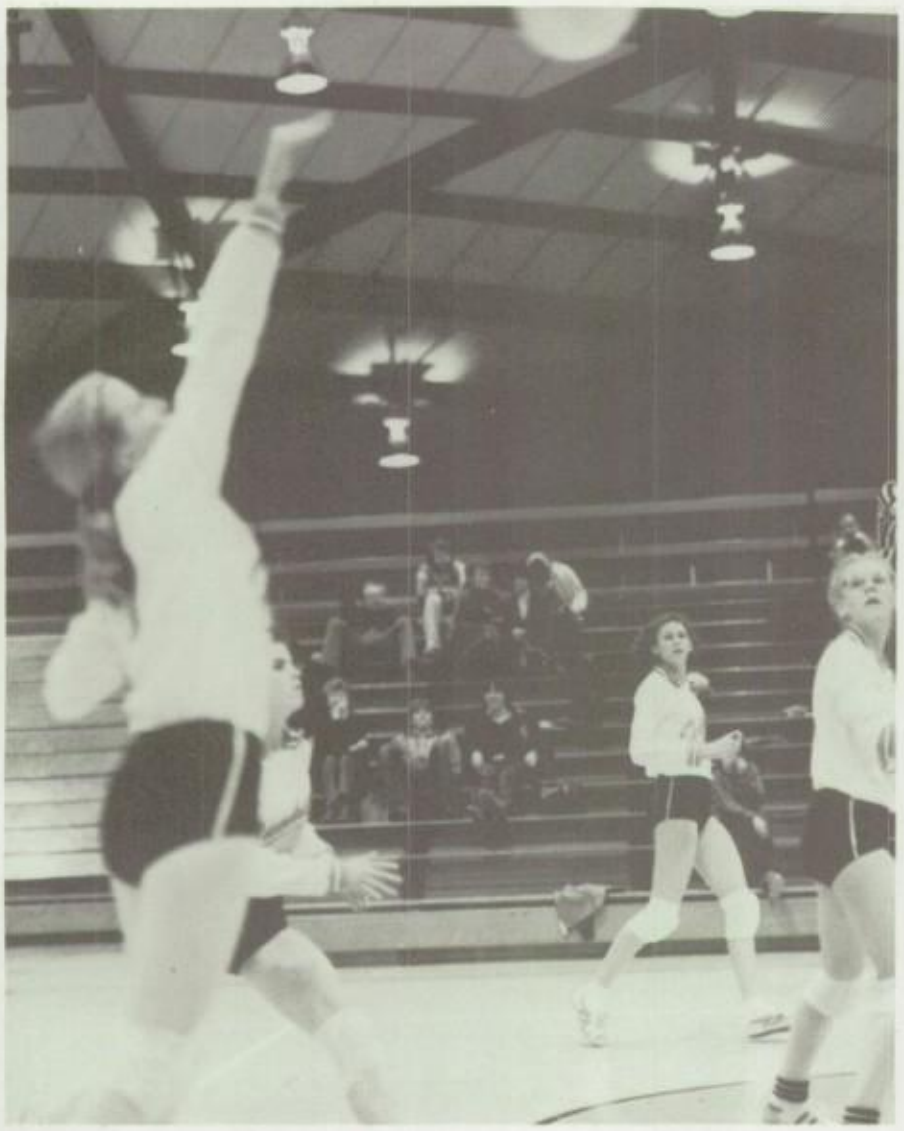
Sophomores from two rival junior highs bonded together to form the J.V. basketball strike force. United by their mutual goal to represent Northern in athletic competition, they were ready to serve. It was under the leadership of Bill Roberts that this team came to operate to its full potential. They performed with skill and finesse, thus preserving the Huskie fighting reputation and competitive spirit.

ABOVE LEFT: An awesome display of talent is observed when Bill Maurey shoots for two. ABOVE RIGHT: As he moves the ball in for play, Joe Scarf eyes the opposition. BELOW: Even under pressure, Jack Colwell manages to squeeze in a shot.

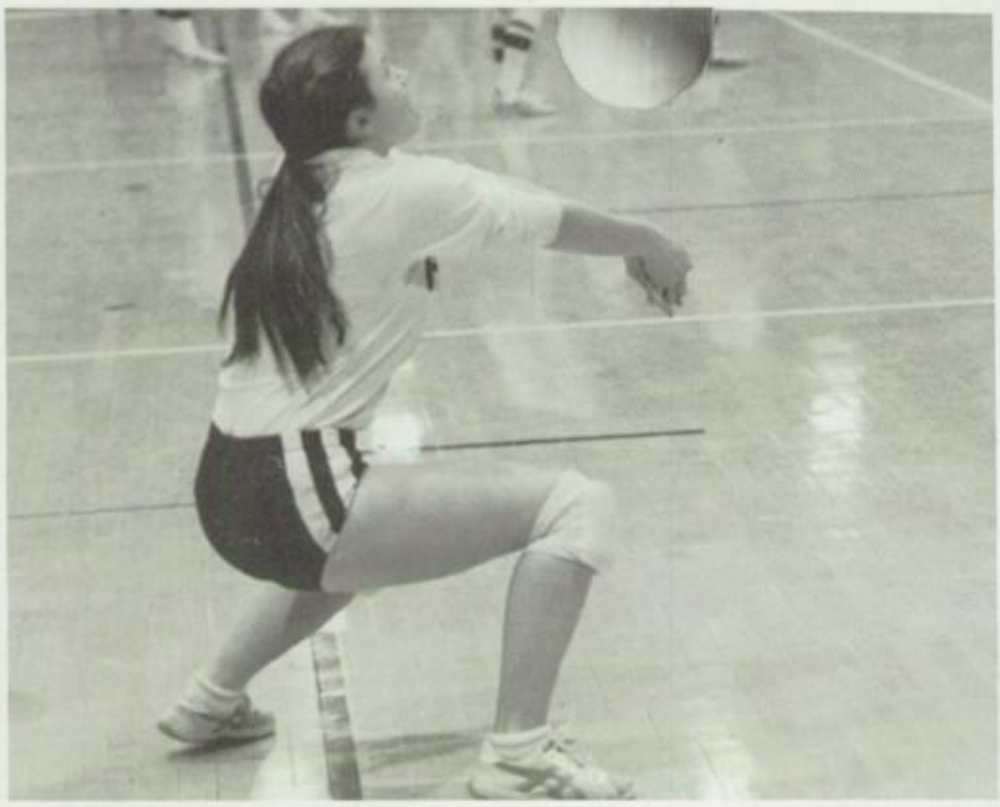


ABOVE: A desperate attempt is made by Donna Peeters to set the ball and keep it in play. BOTTOM LEFT: The ball is deflected into position by Jeanie Rodenhiser. BOTTOM RIGHT: To keep the opposition on its toes, Sue Reed delivers a powerful serve.

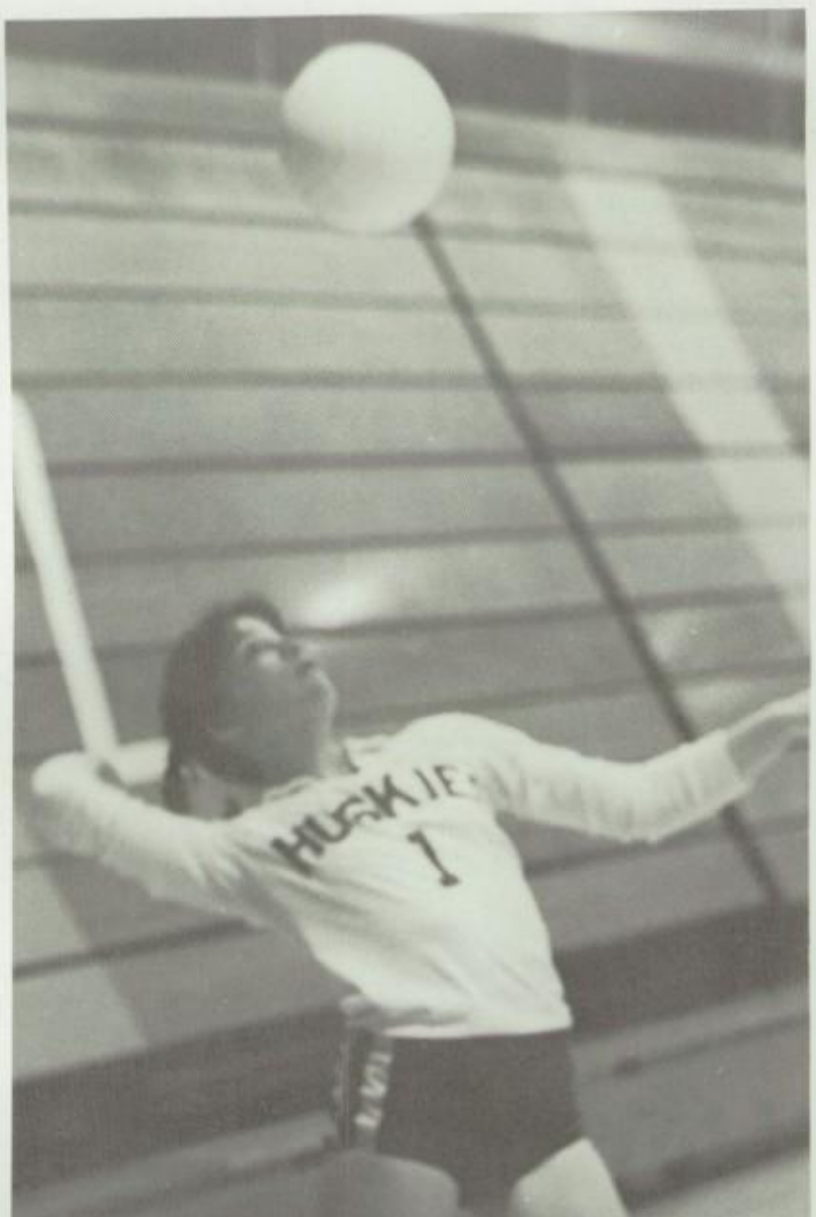
The spirit of teamwork was never more evident than in the performance of Northern's J.V. volleyball team. Under the leadership of coach Jack Magelssen, the players were confronted with and defeated tough competition, marching from one victory to another. In action the team possessed a knack for displaying good sportsmanship and an intense desire to play their best.



J.V. Sets It High



BELOW: A superb serve by Sandy Mattingly. LEFT: WIth Pam Platteborze ready to assist, Kelly Keegan assumes a position to make a bump return. TOP LEFT: A talented save by Betsy Steward. ABOVE: The girls celebrate their great victory. BOTTOM LEFT BACK ROW: Lisa Fink, Sue Reed, Donna Peeters, Lyn Schultz, Jeanie Rosenhiser, Paige Remmert, Betsy Steward. MIDDLE ROW: Coach Jack Magelssen, Lisa Shikoski, Kelly Keegan, Kim Wrubel, Korie Bachleda, Tammy Adamko, Connie Rodenhiser. FRONT ROW: Sandy Mattingly, Pam Platteborze, Kim Gentry, Judith Hentschel, Tracy Daniel, Darlene Bosma.



Volleyball Sets Up Good Defense

Northern's volleyball team went all out this year to end up with an impressive season. The powerful sets, bumps, and serves contributed to the girls' outstanding games. Opposing teams proved to be tough competition, keeping the Huskies on their toes.

As in past years the team trained hard and vigorously. Arduous practices helped the girls to perfect their skills as individuals and as a team. During training the girls prepared themselves mentally as well as physically. With the long hours of practice and good coaching by Mr. Jack Magelssen, the girls did an excellent job.

ABOVE: While teammates Betsy Steward and Tracy Daniel are prepared to assist, Connie Rodenhiser is up in the air to make a great return. LEFT: Ready to back up Judy Hentschel as she returns the ball are Betsy Steward and Tracy Daniel. TOP LEFT: As Darlene Bosma plunges the ball over the net, teammate Kim Wrubel is ready to help.

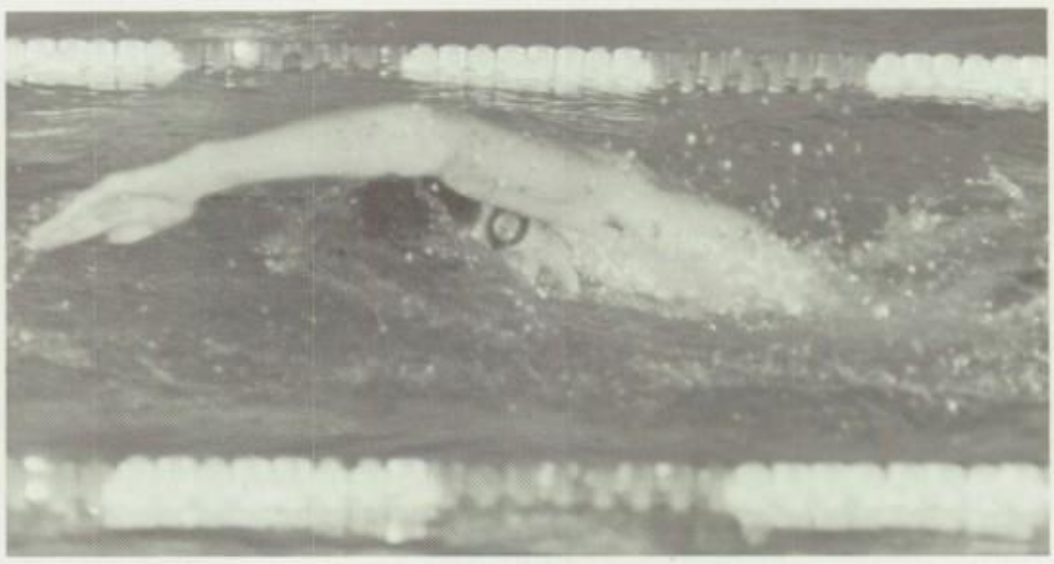
Determination and spirit helped the men's swimming team enjoy an exciting and action-packed season. Every team member demonstrated self-discipline and sportsmanship which helped lead them to a superb season. Their new coach, Mr. Bruce Dulin, taught the boys to hold their heads high as they took on many vigorous opponents.

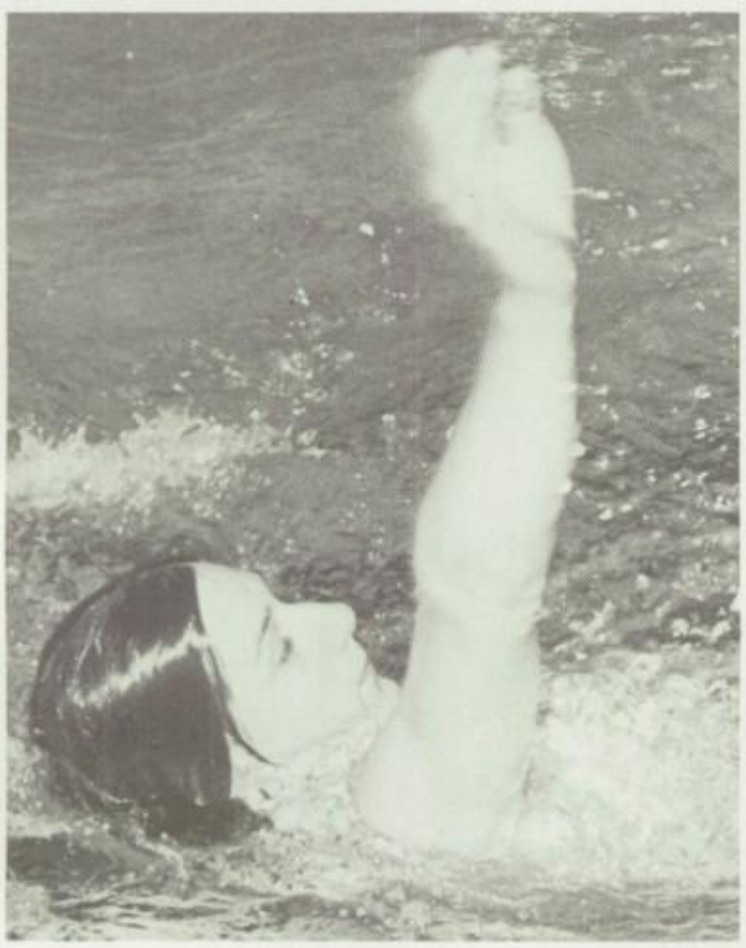
Practices held early in the morning and after school enabled the boys to perfect many of their techniques and also helped them gain confidence.

Throughout the season, the whole team demonstrated talent and show ed great enthusiasm which helped them achieve a successful season.

TOP: Off to a great start is Dean Hare. ABOVE: Before going on for a victory, Sean Lancaster comes up for air. ABOVE RIGHT: One last breath is needed before David Maurer's final surge. BELOW RIGHT: With much work, dives are perfected by Joe Proxmire. BELOW: A strong finish is Mike Harwood's aim.

Swimmers, Divers Strive For Victories





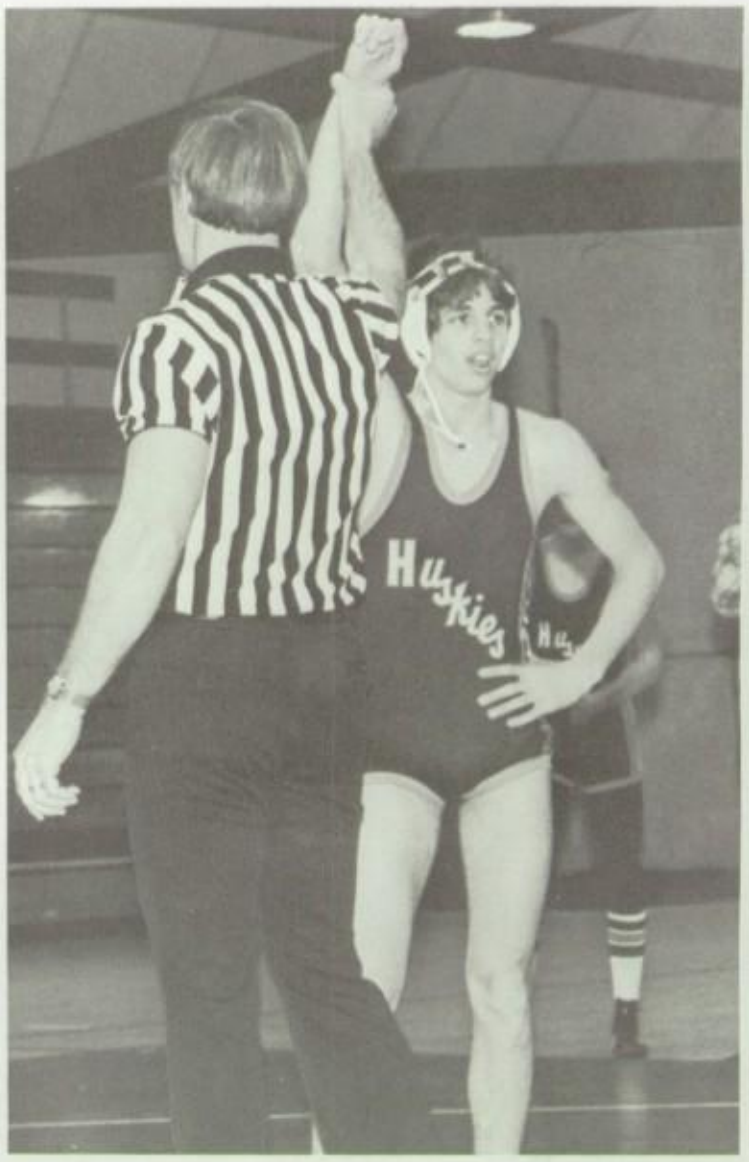
RIGHT FRONT ROW: Rob Seth, Brian Himmelein, Mike Harwood, Dave Maurer, Tom Postula, Terry Bartholomew. SECOND ROW: Brad Zins, Dave Mayer, Don Linde, Dean Hare, Joe Proxmire, Coach Bruce Dulin. BACK ROW: Scott Schaeberle, Todd Powley, Paul Bashaw, Sean Lancaster, TOP RIGHT: An excellent time is strived for by Todd Powley. ABOVE: The back stroke is Paul Bashaw's specialty. TOP LEFT: An excellent dive is completed by Tom Postula. MIDDLE RIGHT: As he races the clock and his opponents, Dave Mayer gains speed.

Wrestlers Pin Opponents

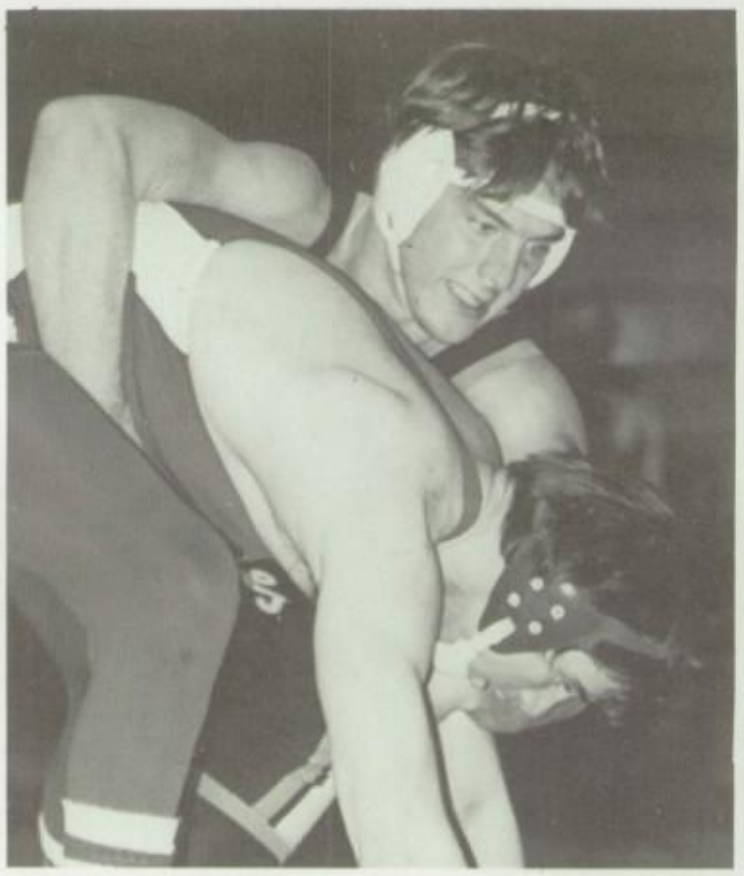
Carrying on a Huskie tradition, the wrestling team showed much skill and determination through the season. The team met some pretty stiff competition but managed to accumulate many victories, ending the season with an admirable record.

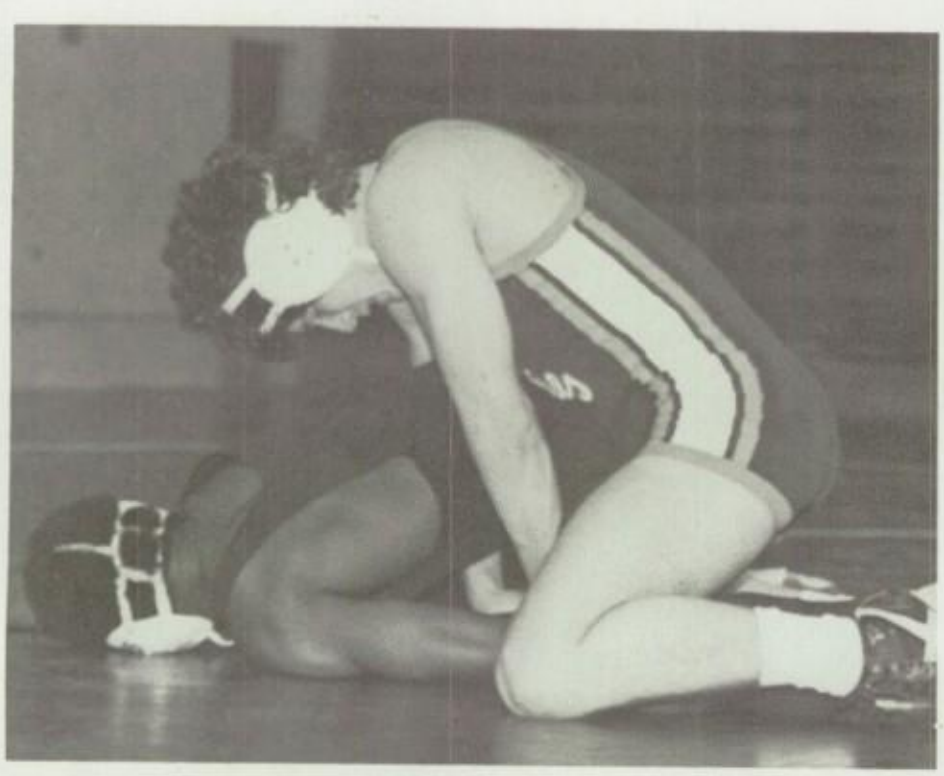
A great deal of preparation went into the making of a successful wrestling season. Strenuous practices including running, weight lifting, and various drills were a part of the readying. Coaches Mr. Pat Gizzi and Mr. Dwight Hodgin greatly aided the team members in their quests for victory.

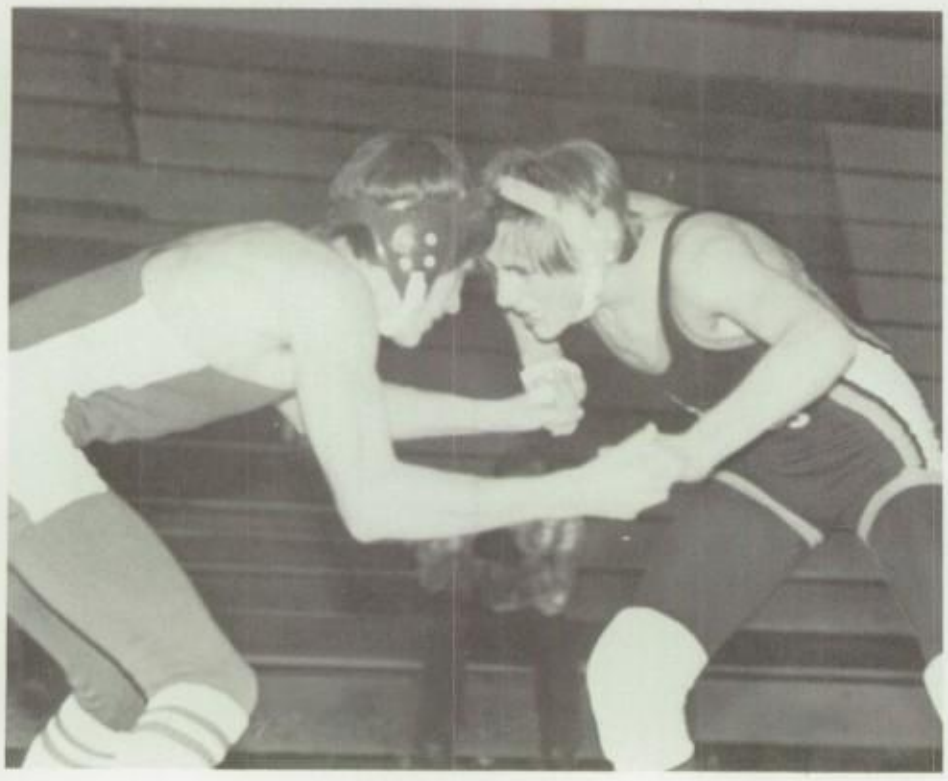
Each team member displayed his loyalty to the Huskies by cheering on his teammates and boosting the confidence needed to bring home so many victories. Helping each other brought the team closer together.



ABOVE: A frequent ending that Tony Latora grows accustomed to. LEFT: Tri-captain Mike Proos shows opponents his superiority. BOTTOM: An opponent reaching his feet against Phil Adams is a rare sight.







ABOVE LEFT: The mats and opponents of Roger Rosenthal often become familiar with each other by the end of the match. MIDDLE LEFT: For opponents, Bob Williams is never a pleasant experience. BOTTOM LEFT: Carefully watching for an opening, Mark Hobbs awaits his chance to overcome the tough opposition. ABOVE: Support can always be found in teammates as is shown by Jeff Jagar and Todd Meulman. TOP RIGHT: FRONT ROW: Keith Burpee, Deron Mellinger, Tim Meeker, Tony Latora, Joe Ryan, Mark Hobbs, Steve Kurcab. MIDDLE ROW: Bob Williams, Roger Rosenthal, Brett Pomeroy, Scott Carango, Phil Adams, Randy Blum, Lee Gizzi, Mike Cavicchia, Steve Weiss. BACK ROW: Coach Pat Gizzi, Gary Butcher, Rob Hillard, Todd Muelman, Dave Laing, Mike Proos, Rick Asken, Jeff Jager, Kevin Labadie, Coach Dwight Hodgen, Coach Doug Fry.

TOP RIGHT FRONT ROW: Steve Stanley, John Cowden, Greg Collins, Curt Collins. SECOND ROW: Mark Luke, Mark Vickery, Mike Beech, Chuck Parker, Andy VanderVeen, Scott Woodworth, Rob Janke. BACK ROW: Jim Michalka, Jeff Lahr, Scott Krueger, Bryon Wilson, Scott Benjamin, Gordon Weller, Pat Visser, Matt Worline, Dave Smedstad, Coach Greg Steel. TOP LEFT: In an effort to set up a goal, John Cowden skates the puck over the line. ABOVE: With a fine defensive maneuver, Mark Luke breaks up a centering pass by the opposition. ABOVE RIGHT: crucial face off is taken by Greg Collins. RIGHT: A strong effort to maintain puck control is displayed by Mike Rudzik as he skates around the opposition.

Huskies Skate to Victory

TOP LEFT: With the help of defenseman Scott Benjamin, goalie Chuck Parker makes a sprawling save. TOP RIGHT: An escape from a body check is part of Andy VanderVeen's game plan. ABOVE: In an entire team effort, another victory is celebrated.

With the acquisition of coach Greg Steel and the return of almost all of the prior year's squad, our Huskie skaters picked up where they left off last season. They took command of the league and made it clear that they had no intentions of relinquishing their controls.

The powerful Huskie offense terrorized opposing net minders with spectacular goal mouth passes and missle-like shots which eventually created many defeats at the hands of our talented skaters. However, the offense wasn't the only contributing factor in gaining victories; the stingy defensive forces established a reputation of impeccableness, as well. They thwarted the opposition on numerous occasions with excellent defensive maneuvers and strong goaltending.

From the beginning of the 1980-81 season it was apparent to everyone that the Huskie hockey team planned to live up to the distinction of being the reigning league champions. Obviously, it was their GOAL to play hockey.

SENIORS

Mina - 81
hey woman! Well I don't know about you but I missed graduating with my old buddies! I did enjoy meeting everyone here in Portage! your one of those - your such a riot! I know that things have been awkward at times but I think your great - always have & always will! Best Wishes Good Luck! You don't need it but I'd thought I'd just tell ya!
Take Care
Love Ya
Tons
Jil Jaaffe

Mina,
Spaz out woman! Wine finally made it to our senior year and it's ev-
tainly been an enjoyable one. I'll never forget the time we were there - how about at that motel and that pool driving almost got us a week because he was staring at you! Good luck always (always) have a super summer (take care of yourself!
Karen Smith, '81

Philip Adams
Jeff Agar
Beth Aldridge

Robin Alexander
Susan Allen
Thomas Allgaier

Lori Anderson
Wayne Anderson
Lisa Apessos

Chris Argoudelis
John Arundel
Karen Arvanigian

Linda Asken
Carolyn Awe
Natalka Baczynskyj

Seniors Challenge Clock

Jennifer Badalamenti

Alicia Baker

After two years of basic training they had become proud members of the "seniors brigade" and combat ready. Assignments were often hard to follow and the battles long, but eventually they dominated

Following the establishment of the beachhead, the brigade moved on to other skirmishes, leaving secondary forces to carry on.

Finally the seniors were issued their honorable discharge. The secondary saluted as the brigade departed, leaving behind only memories of a battle well fought and best wishes to those to follow.

Deborah Ball

Brenda Banker

Denise Barnett

Tony Bartel

Tom Bartholomew

Paul Bashaw

Brian Bay

John Beasley

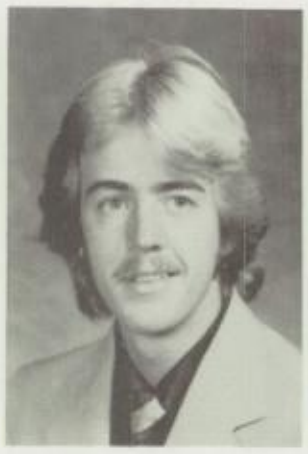
ABOVE: Girls' cross country wouldn't be quite the same without Karen Smith, shown here running for victory.

Scott Benjamin
Stacy Bennett
Darbi Benson
Mina Berge

Ken Berman
Pam Berndt
Sandra Berry
Ron Bick

Deanne Bieberle
Jenny Blackburn
Terri Blackman
Candy Blanchard

ABOVE: Lunchtime provides a chance for Natalka Baczynskj, Lisa Loudermelt, Lee Frizzell, and Ellen Janke to catch up on the day's gossip. OPPOSITE PAGE: A senior crowd screams enthusiastically for victory at a home basketball game.



Lorri Boals
Karen Boekeloo
Jeff Bogema
Craig Bogue
Fred Boling

Mark Bonhomme

Jim Boshoven

Darlene Bosma
Mike Bowman
Jim Bradley
Barry Braksick
Vicki Brandt

Seniors Flooded with Enthusiasm

Seniors Swing Into Action

Dave Branam
Cindy Breuer
Michele Brindley
Bill Brisky
Leona Brown

Laurie *Brown*
Mary Bruce
Steve Buchtrup
Mike Buck
Ann Bunce

Keith Burpee

Terry Butcher

Charles Buthala

Susan Butler

Ruth Carey

Gerry Carpenter

Mike Cavicchia

Sri Chandran

Kin Cheung

Cleo Chivikas

ABOVE: Foreign exchange student Mikko Rydman shows dancing is universal. OPPOSITE PAGE: Serveral seniors demonstrate the latest dance steps.

Ann Chumas

Jim Cieslak

JoAnn Coin

ABOVE: For Mary Bruce, making clay pots involves much attention.

Cara Cole
Chris Coleman
Curt Collins
John Cook
Robert Cook Jr.

Creativity is Senior's Nature

All throughout their schooling, seniors become very familar with endings just to begin again. It first happened in elementary school, again in junior high; seniors worked their way to the top, just to move on to begin again. Reaching their senior year wasn't any exception to the system.

Although seniors were excited about their last year of high school, they were also very preoccupied with life after high school. Such questions as which college to attend or whether to live at home were timely thought stumpers illustrating the reality facing our senior class.

Even with these serious decisions confronting them, seniors kept up their reputation of sparking the atmosphere at PNHS. They enthusiastically participated in activities while at the same time, looked forward to their new beginnings.

Michelle Cookenmaster
Stacy Correl!

Tony Cortigene
Becky Cory

Brad Cosgrove
Doris Covell
Rona Covell
Lora Cramer

Beth J. Crandle
Tammy Creek
Scott Crocker
Robert Davoust

Seniors Build for Real World

Duane Deal
Rusty Dehart
Katie Devries
Wendy Dimock
Tanya Domke

Ron Downs
Philip Dratt
Sheri Duff
Nancy Dunlap
Derek Durham

Teri Durian
Cindy Dykens
Suzanne Edder
Johan Ekman
Annette Emmert

Sherrie Eversdyk
Debbie Farrell
Michelle Ford
Margaret Fosmoe
Jim Frego

Nina Friedman
Greg Frisinger
Lee Frizzell
David Goble
Chris Gochanour

Jeff Green
Shun Green

Mike Griffioen
Mike Grimmer

Mike Grussell
Kristi Hadden

ABOVE: Typing is a valuable asset to have when seeking employment, as Carolyn Scearce knows. OPPOSITE PAGE: Accounting will undoubtedly aid Jenny Hatridge in the future.

Seniors Set Examples

Lisa Hahn
Jeff Hall
Phil Hall
Kelly Hammontree
Ted Hanson

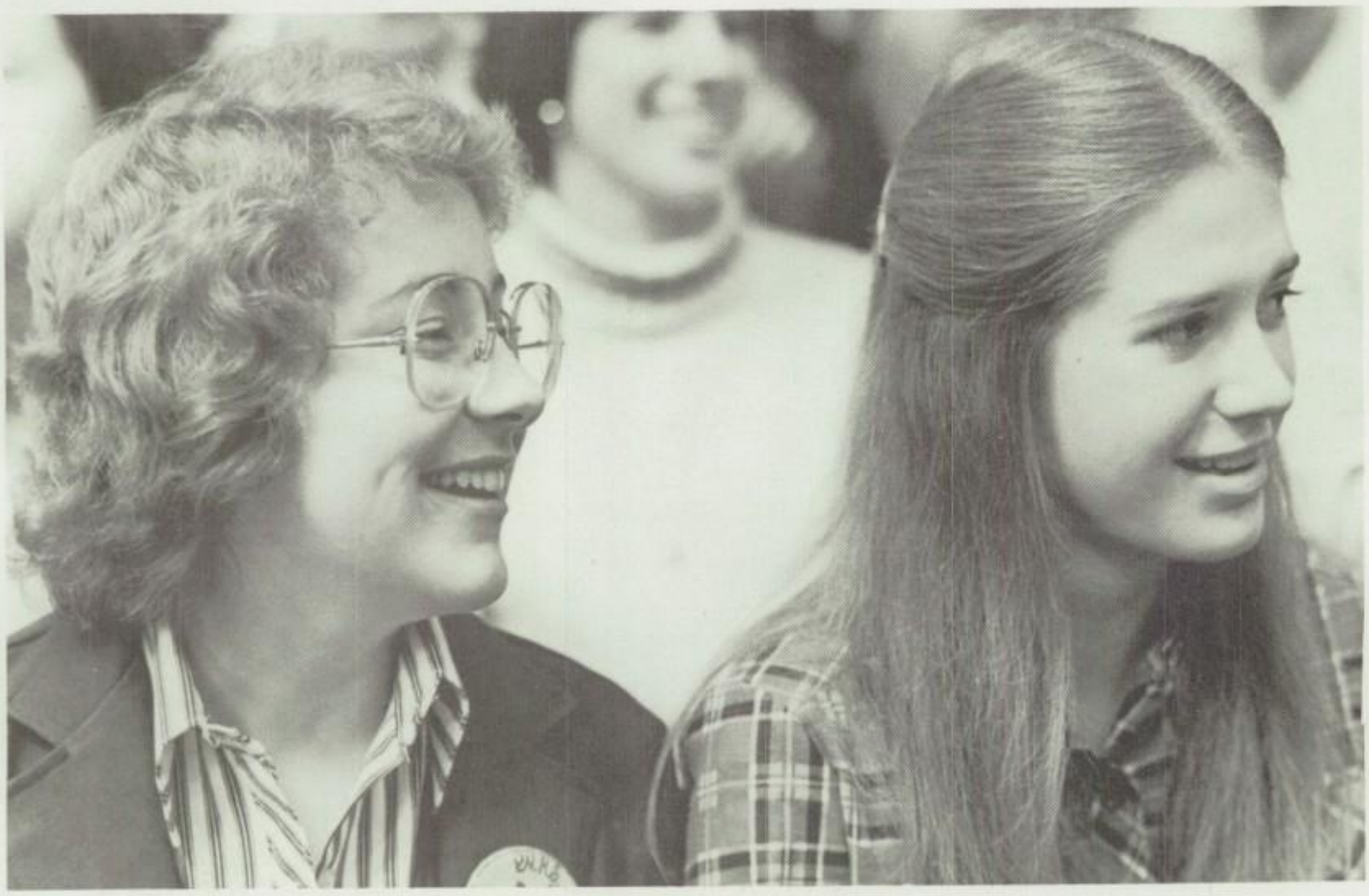
Sheryl Happel
Craig Harding
Carrie Haring
Sally Harrington
Ritch Harrison

Chris Harsch
Janeen Hartley

ABOVE: A break is taken by Jim Kline and Tom Shehigian during the breadlift. RIGHT: Seldom does a Huskie event go by that Marla Hendershot and Teri Durian fail to attend.

Jenny Hatridge
Becky Haymaker
Chrissy Heckenhauer
Glen Heinmiller
Mike Heinz

Jenny Heitman
David Helm
Marla Hendershot
Teresa Hensley
Julia Herendeen



Pam Hursh

Bob Hill
Jud Hite
Mark Hobbs
Tara Hodapp
Wayne Howard

Kim Hunt
Karen Huss

Barb Huyge
Greg Ira

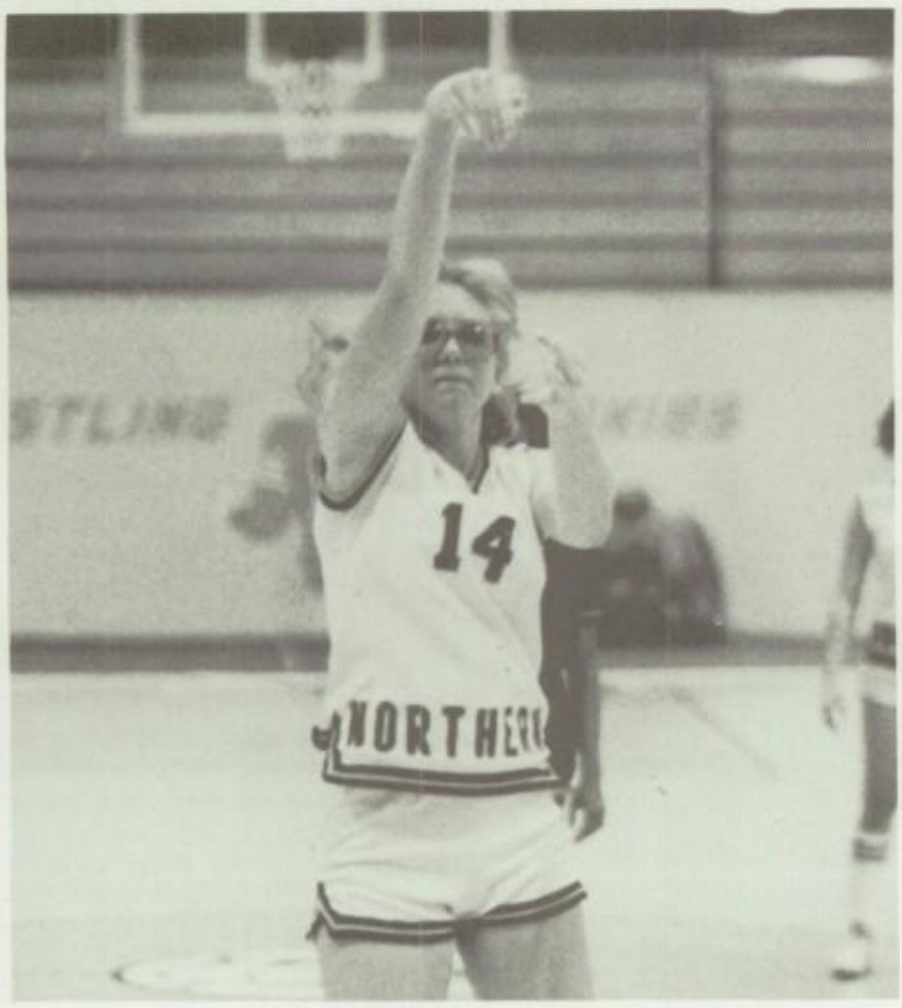
John Jacobs
Jeff Jager
Brooke Johnson
Jerry Johnson
Tim Johnson

Seniors Excel in all Areas

Mary Johnston
Jody Jones
Chris Jordan
Heidi Kahn
Karin Kamperman

Laura Kangas
Charles Katzenmeyer
Debbie Kellam
Kelly Kellogg
Mark Kenney

Scott Killman
Kevin Kimbrough
Mark Kingsbury
Don F. Kizer
Annette Klimp

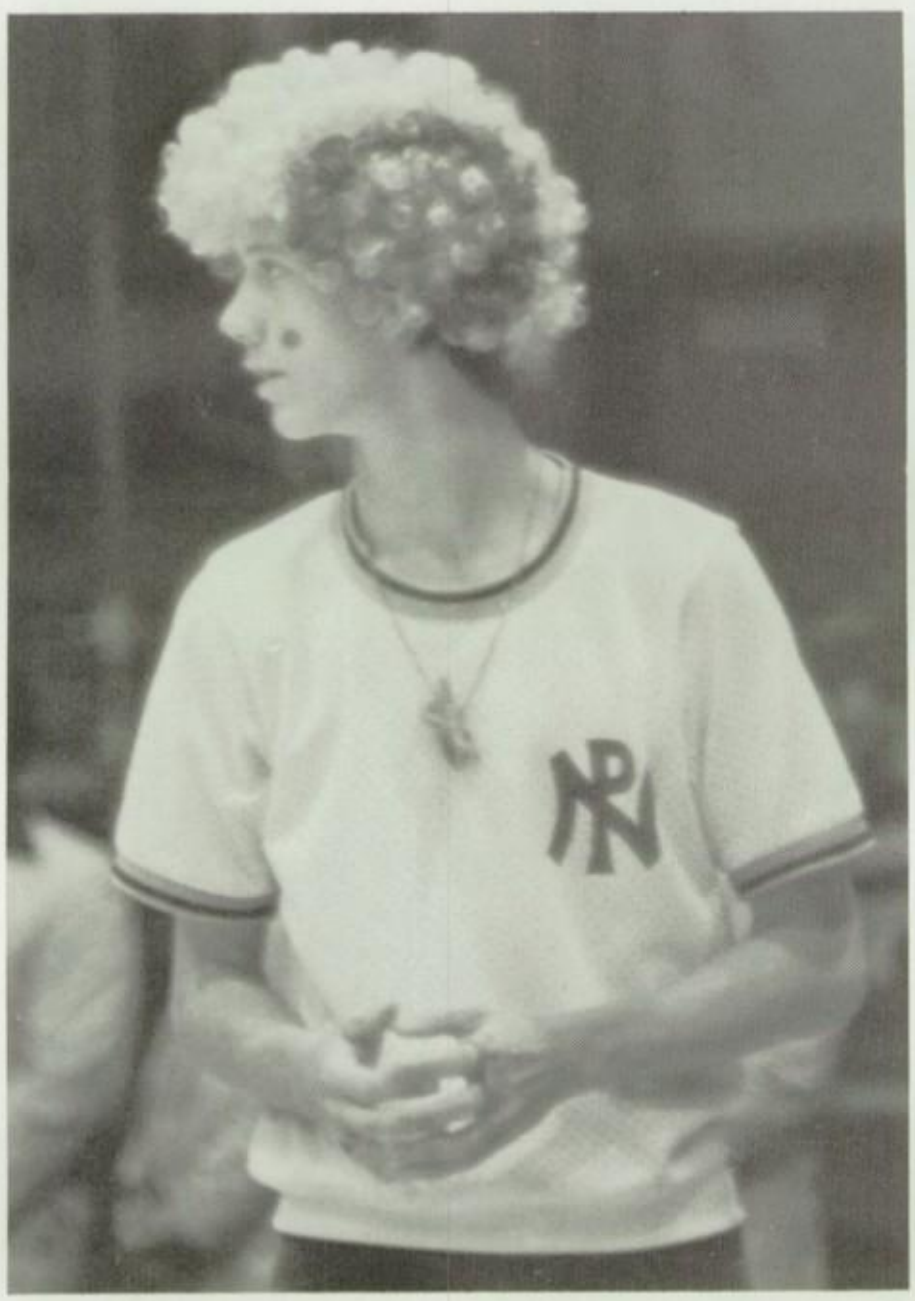


LEFT: A freethrow attempt is made by Darlene Bosma. OPPOSITE PAGE: Songleaders send serenades of sweet melodies.

James Kline
Lori Kline
John Koole
Laurence Kozy
Danny Kuiper

Caryle Labadie
Kathy Laing
Jeanne LaMere
Linda Lane
Susan Lawrence

Phong Le
Mike Lem



Jeff Lentz
Todd Linder

Sheryl Linders
Rob Locker

Class of '81 -

ABOVE: The management of money is no problem for Gail Provost. OPPOSITE PAGE: Senior Greg Wesselhoff not only leads the band, but also has class in the fine act of being weird.

Millard Lockwood
Lisa Loudermelt

Brenda Maat
Scott Mais

Monica Marsden
Barb Marshburn

Tammy Martin
Sandy Mattingly

Bob McBride
Mike McCarthy

In a continuation of past years, the class of '81 definitely showed what being seniors was all about. With school spirit on the upswing, seniors found another way to spread their magical influence over the faculty and underclassmen of Portage Northern.

Many Huskie events were strongly endorsed by the mighty seniors, as their enthusiastic cheers rang loudly. Whether participating or spectating, support was always given by the energetic seniors.

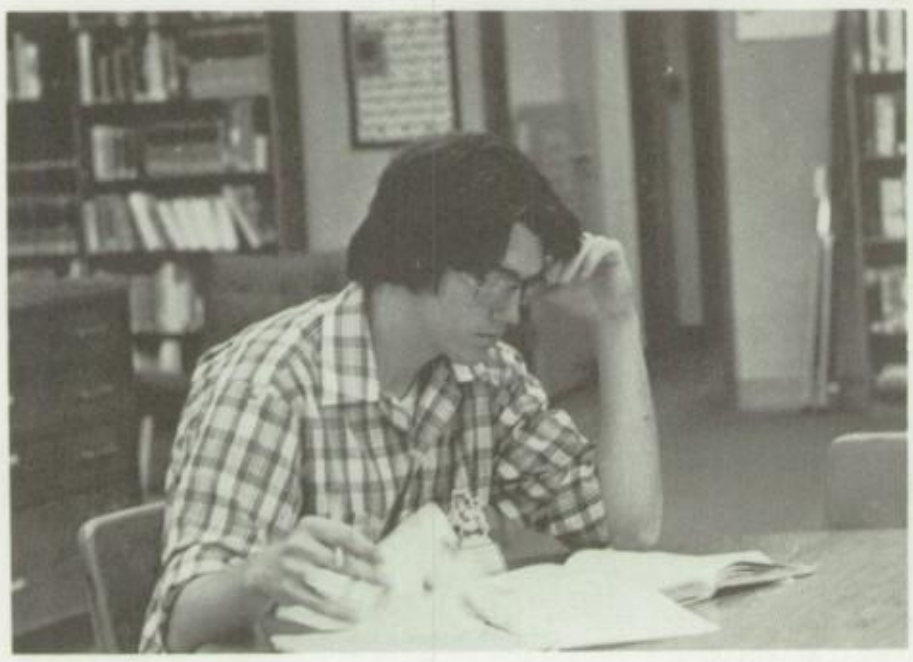
1981 will long be remembered as a funfilled, exciting year. The seniors lead many enthused crowds of Huskie supporters and left their mark at PNHS.

Long to be Remembered

Seniors Work Hard Toward Goals

Lisa McCartney
Jeff T. McCarty
Leslie McClintic
Debbie McCrorey
Rick McGuinness

Bill McKinney
Billy McVeigh



Dan Meeker
Rick Mellema

OPPOSITE LEFT: The library provides a studying atmosphere for Rich Harrison. ABOVE: A speech is delivered by Sylvia Rodee.

Scott Melvin
Jeff Menchinger
Archie Mercer
Debbie Merdon
Kenlynn Meyer

Craig Miller
Shelby Miller
Randall Mims
Terrie Mitchell
James Mizikar

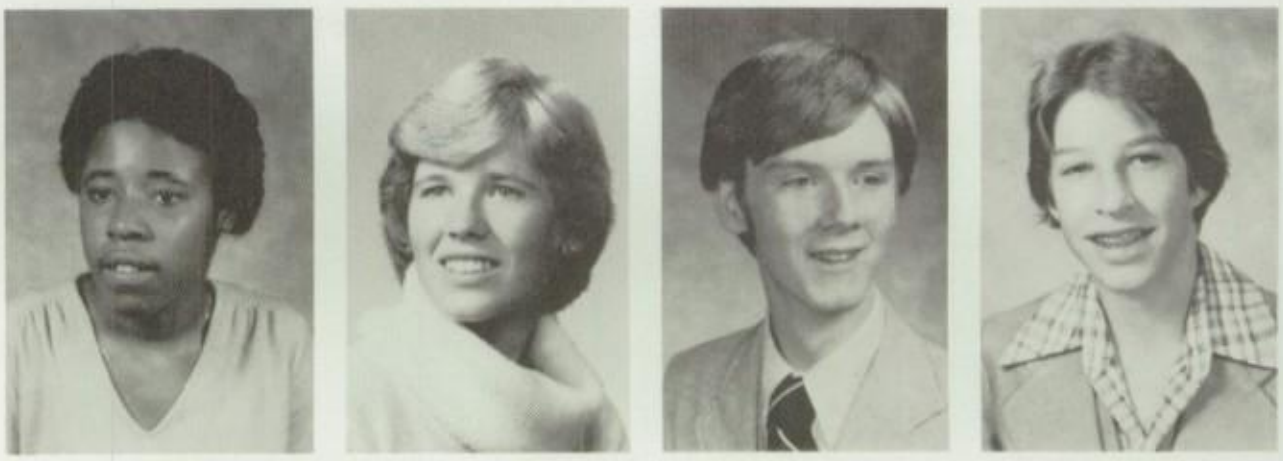
Paula Molloy
John Mounger

Nancy Munsterman
Dick Nash

Robert Newkirk
Vickie L. Newton

Holly Nichols
Tim Nieboer
Tony Norris
Kathy Novak

Michelle Oliver
Debra Olvitt
Lincoln Osbon
Carter Pape



Binita Patel

David Paul

Mark Pedo

RIGHT: A masked Jenny Blackburn is led to the Pinata by Cara Cole.
ABOVE: Carefully working on a science project is Deb Ball.

Seniors Get Involved

Tina Peterson
Rebecca Pfeifer
Michele Pickard
Diane Pilot

Scott Playford
William Plemmons
Jannette Poehlman
Karen Powers

Christine Preston

Melissa Price

Mike Proos

Seniors Stand Out in Academics

Gail Provost
Mark Provost

Tim Pryson
Sonya Radtke

Craig Reed
David Reiley

OPPOSITE PAGE: Broadcasting enables Scott Melvin to develop good communication skills. ABOVE: Machine shop aids John Richardson in vocational studies.

Jeff Rice
John Richardson
Rob Riesener
David Rimawi
Mary Robert

Sylvia Rodee
Connie Rodenhiser
Sue Rogusta
Tom Roe
Wendy Romano

Roger Rosenthal
Sheryl Rossman

Brenda Royer
Julieanna Ruimveld

Steve Rumble
Lisa Ryan
Mikko Rydman
James Sagara
Rebecca Salgat

Seniors Go Bananas

Dawn Saline
Ana Sanchez
Julie Sandberg
Carolyn Scearce
Jim Schermerhorn

Ron Scholly
Mark Schreffler
John Schuen
John Scott
Marie Scott

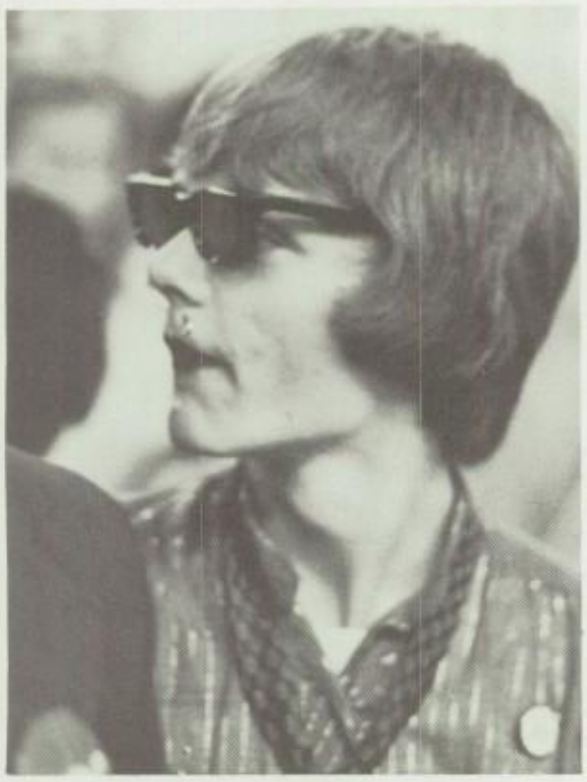
Mark Sears
Charlie Shane

Tom Shehigian
Kay Lynn Shelden

Michelle Shepherd
Joe Sherhart

ABOVE: Homecoming is a time of craziness, as is shown by Pam Hursch. OPPOSITE PAGE: Undercover, John Arundel mingles with unsuspecting Portage Northern Students.

Steve Shugars
Linda Sichel
Lora Sielatycki
Karen Smith



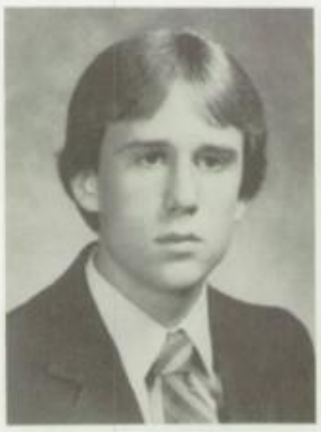
Kevin Smith
Kim Smith

Randy Smith
Joan Snyder

Dian Sokolowski
Kim Solter
Erika Sotomayor
Kimberly Soule

Marilyn Sparks
Sherri Spence
Brad Stermer

Eric C. Stevens
Lisa Stevens
Betsy Steward
Robin Stickler

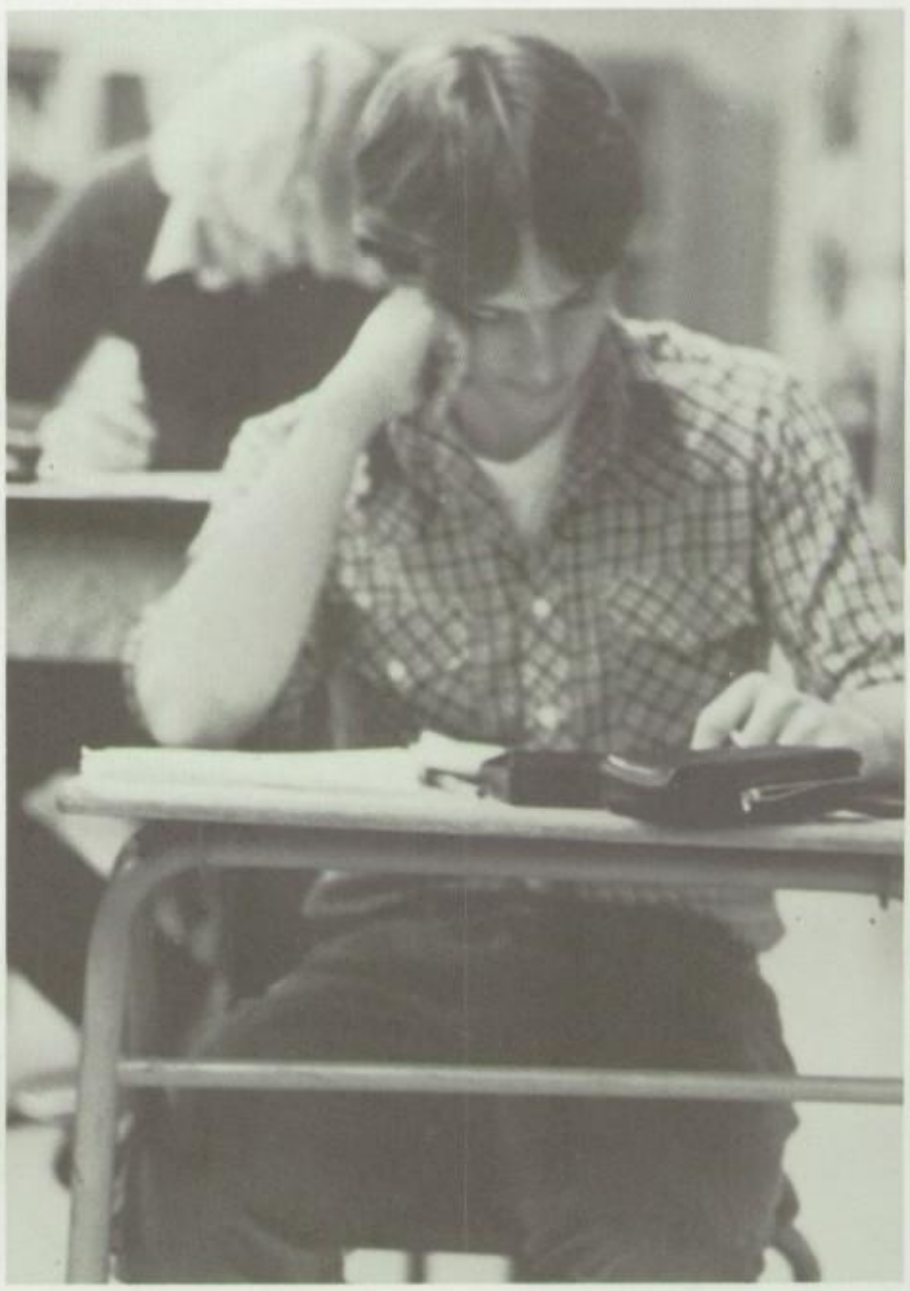


Karen Stiles
Sharyl St. John
Anita Stonerock
Vickie Stoyanoff

Laurel Sturdevant

Charles Sullivan

Robert Swanson



Studies Important to Seniors

OPPOSITE PAGE: Five advanced physics students are taking first year physics from MSU. Communicating by teletype Kevin Smith, Wayne Anderson, and Jennifer Badalamenti punch in their test scores. ABOVE: I ntense study is common practice for Phil Adams

Jill Taaffe

Sue Thierjung

Gretchen Thierstein

Jeff Thomssen
Suzanne Thorne
Charlie Tomlison
Carol Toorman

Jim Trayers
Tim Tyler
Merisa Uptgraft
Sigrid Valk

Brock Vanderveen
Julie Vanderwoude

Looking over the last three years at Portage Northern, upperclassmen recapped their fondest moments as the final days ticked unwillingly into the past. Before they left, the class of '81 was determined to etch fluorescent memories into the heart and soul of Portage Northern High School.

Tradition blended well with the new ideas and inspirations of the '81 seniors to produce an invigorating year that was a benefit to all. They were fine examples of proud and intelligent young adults who were destined to change the course of history forever.

Don VanDine
Asim Varma

David Vaughn
Anne Vescovi
Mark Vickery
Julie Vining
John Walsh

Linda Waters
Christine Warner

Tammie Waynick
Tim Weatherby

They Do It Their Way

Greg Welch

Lynne Wetherall

Greg Wesselhoff

Steven White

John Wickman

Robert Williams

Carolyn Wilsey

Scoot Woodworth

Matt Wright

Karen Yost

Robert Zweedyk

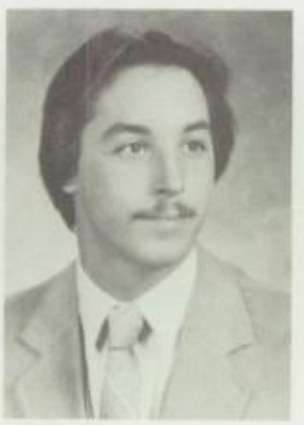
Rhonda Burns

OPPOSITE PAGE: While being spotted, Erika Sotomayer practices her routine. ABOVE: Before her debate, Paula Malloy spends some time looking over her convincing evidence.

Ellen Janke

Kirsten Fisk

Shari Kohl

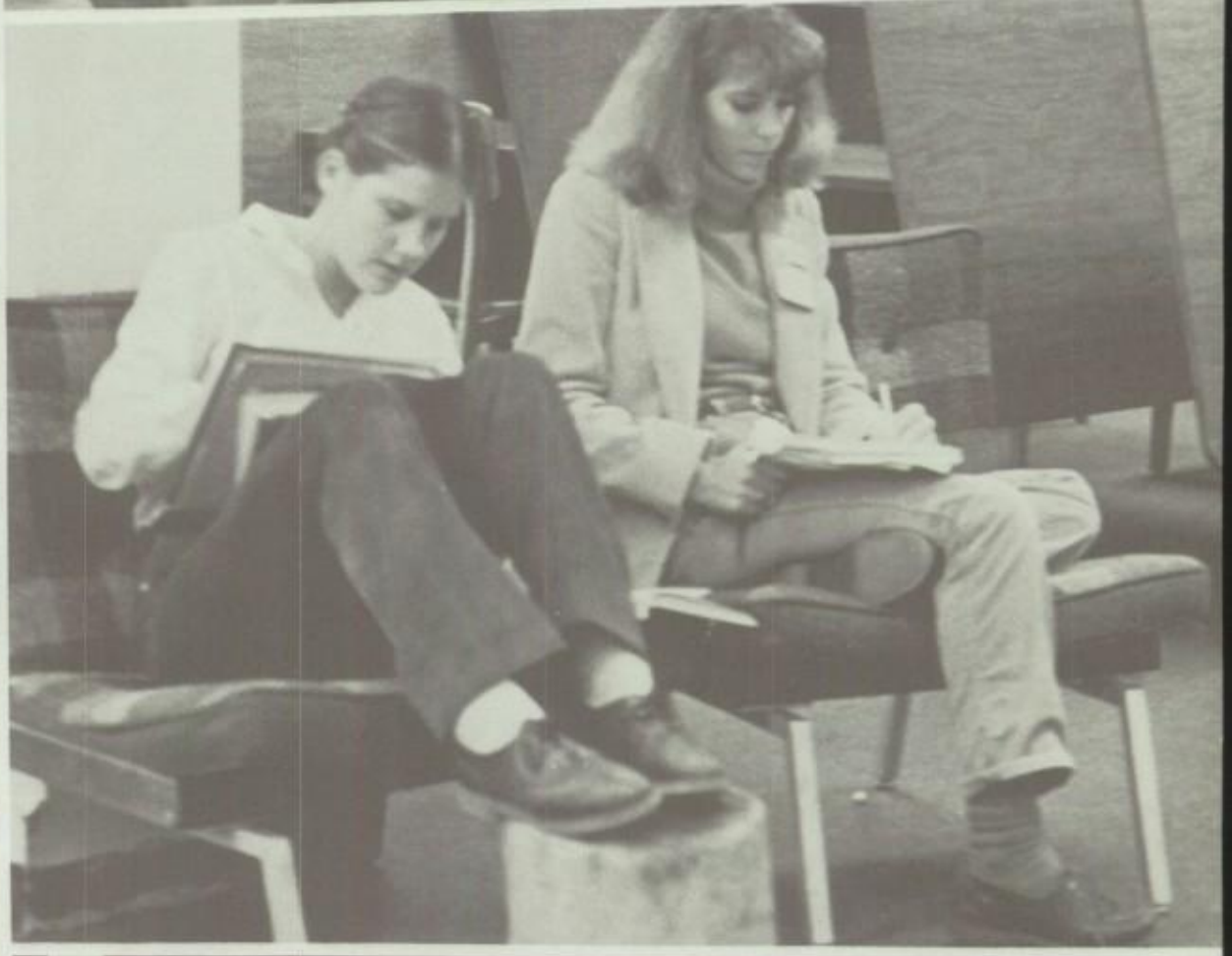


Jeff Kurcab

Melonie Leathers

Mark Lund

Andy Stevenson



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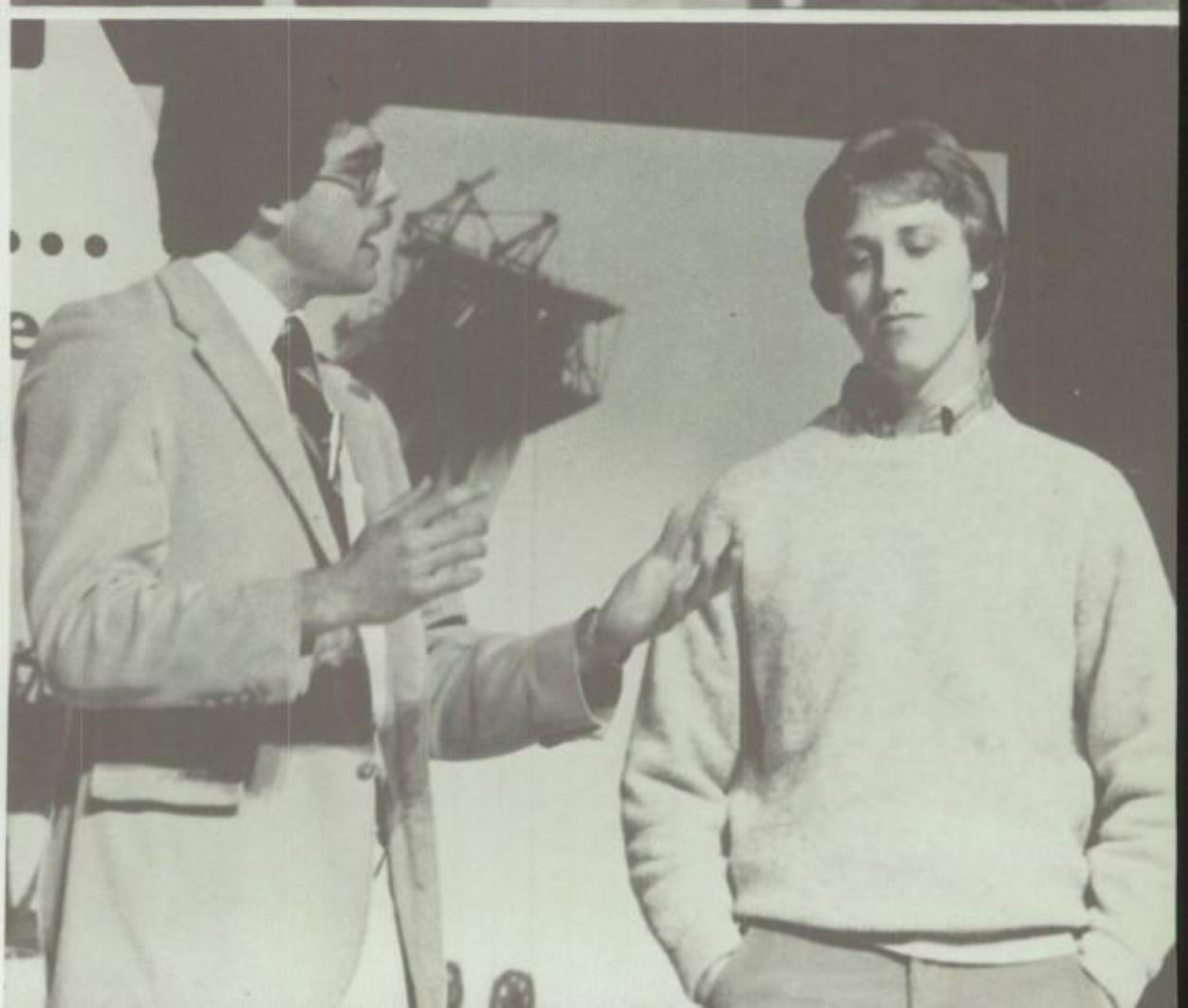

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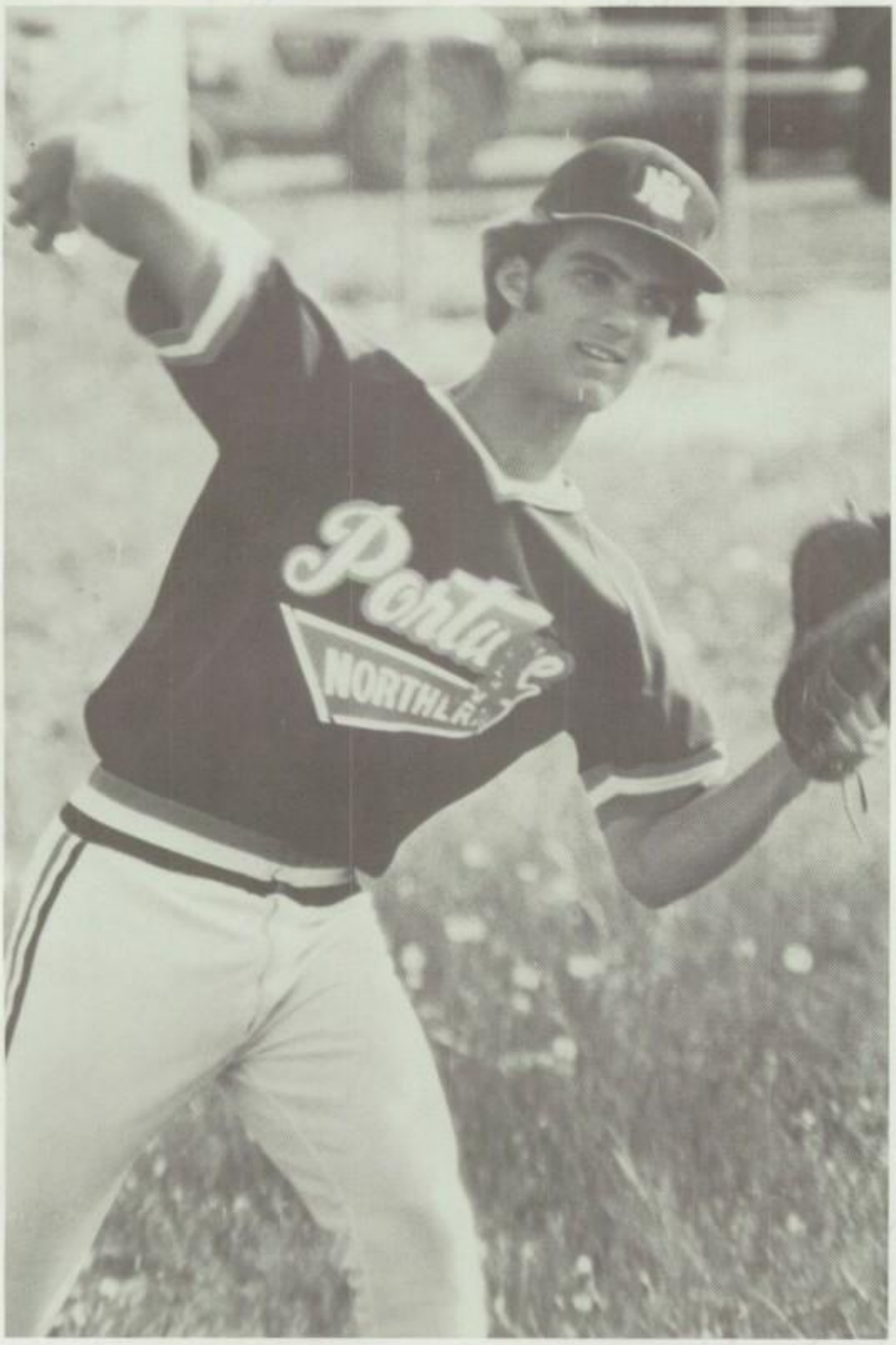


Softball, Baseball

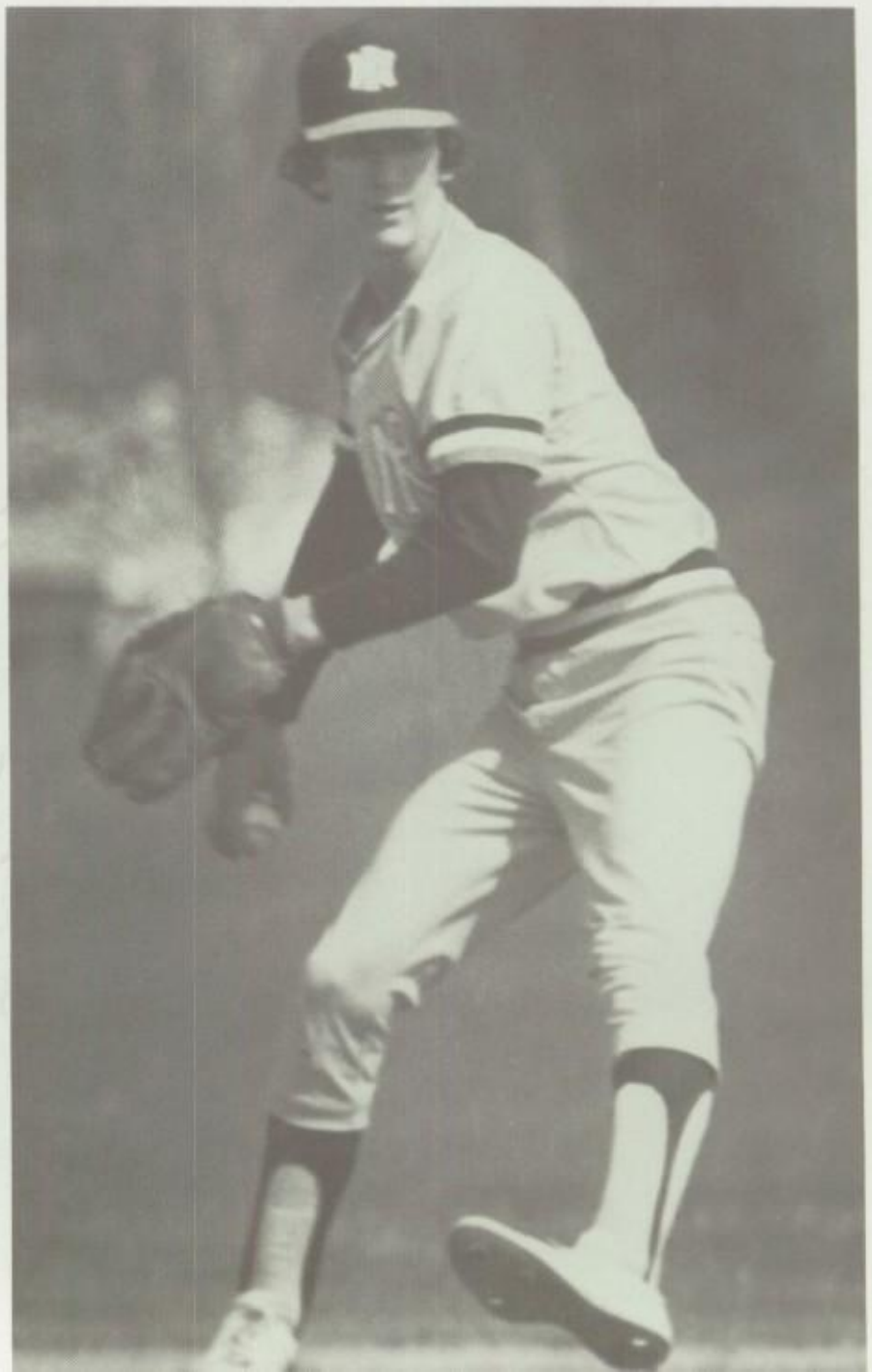
TOP LEFT: Precision and accuracy is what Brad Stermer is aiming for. BOTTOM LEFT: With all her power and might, Kenlynn Meyer smashes another hit. ABOVE: To handle this one, Gary Butcher must be quick on his feet.

The softball team, instructed by Mrs. Sandy Peterson, and the baseball team, led by Mr. Dave Babcock, wound up another power hitting season with well earned victories to their credit.

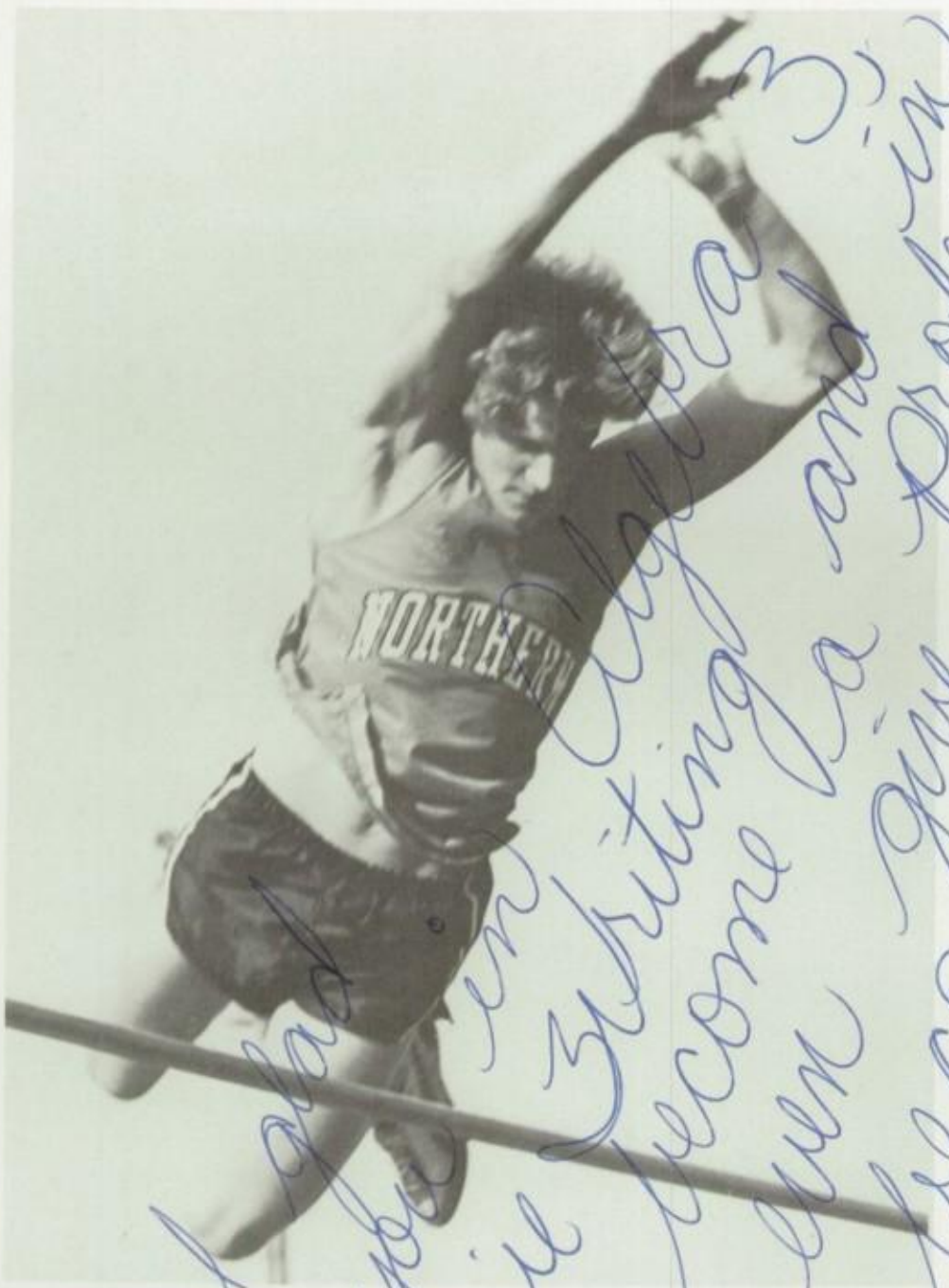
The ability to run, hit, and throw described both our boys' and girls' teams. They carried the Northern banner high and gave us all plenty of opportunities to cheer and congratulate the teams.

Hard practice and good execution fired up our baseball and softball teams to increase Northern's pride and tradition.

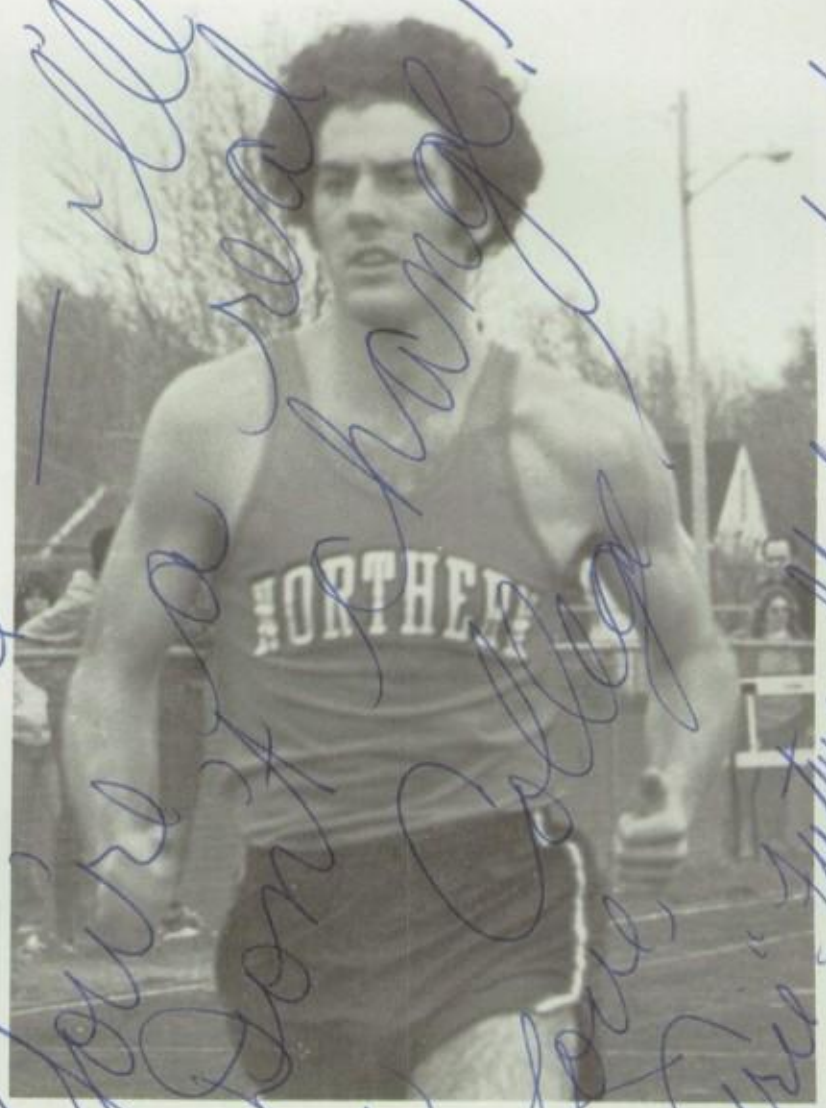
Hit Another Home Run



TOP LEFT: Hard practice is what enabled Terry Durian to make this play close. TOP RIGHT: A good eye and concentration help Holly Pifer. BOTTOM LEFT: Jeff Agar winds up to fire another speeding bullet. ABOVE: Like a whip in motion Janeen Hartley drives another in there.



LEFT: Over the bar with a style of his own, John Knudsen imitates superman. ABOVE: Pregame warm-ups mean talking with friends. OPPOSITE TOP: Competition in the 100 yd. dash allows Dave Jeffries to go all out. OPPOSITE BOTTOM: Ready to start, Michelle Cookenmaster snatches the baton from Sherrie Eversdyke. BELOW: Endurance running is a specialty of Jim Boshoven. BOTTOM LEFT: A strong arm and much coordination is what it takes to be a good shot putter, as Mina Berge demonstrates for teammates. FAR RIGHT: Ahead of the pack is Mary Johnston.

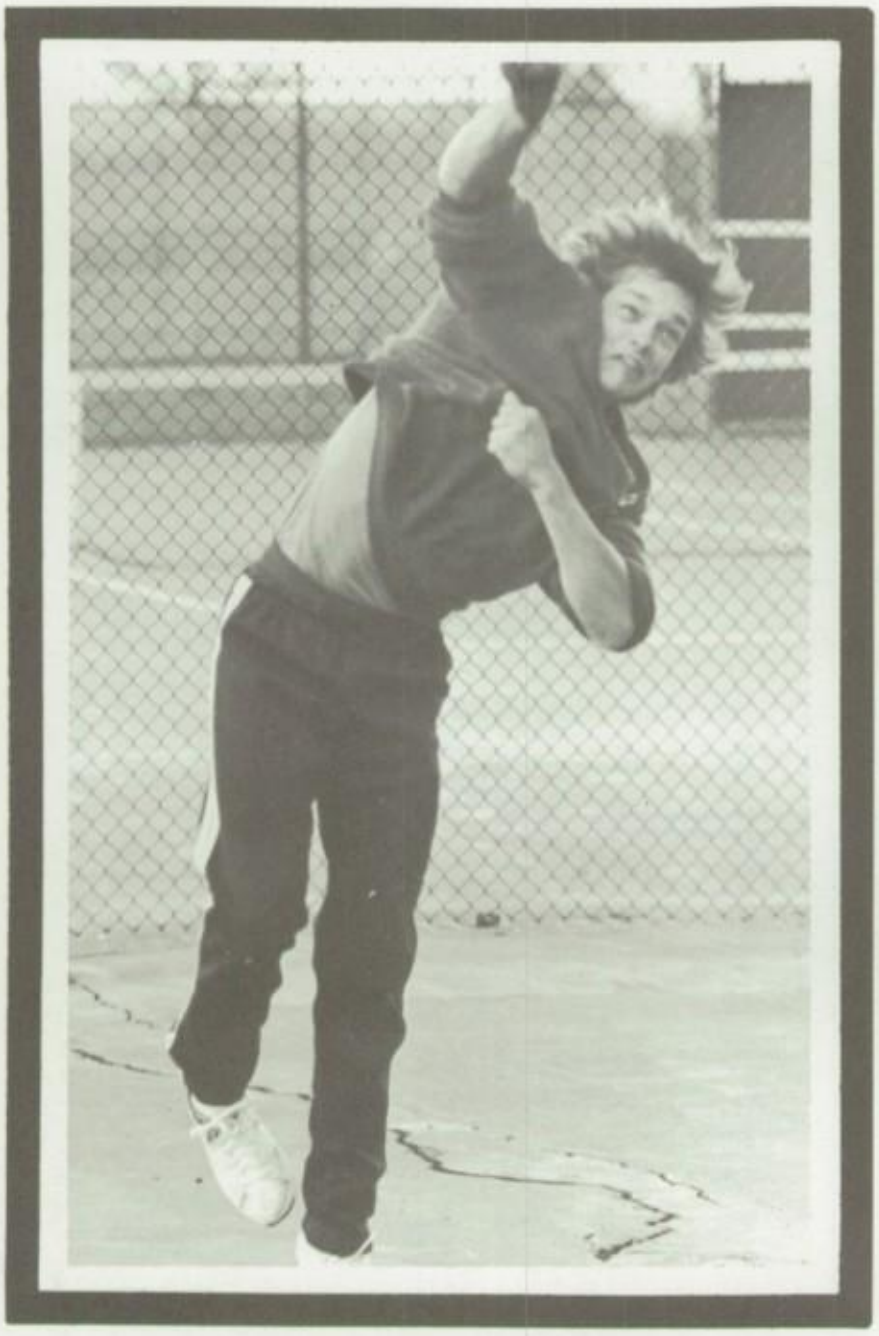


Track Team Kicks Up Dust

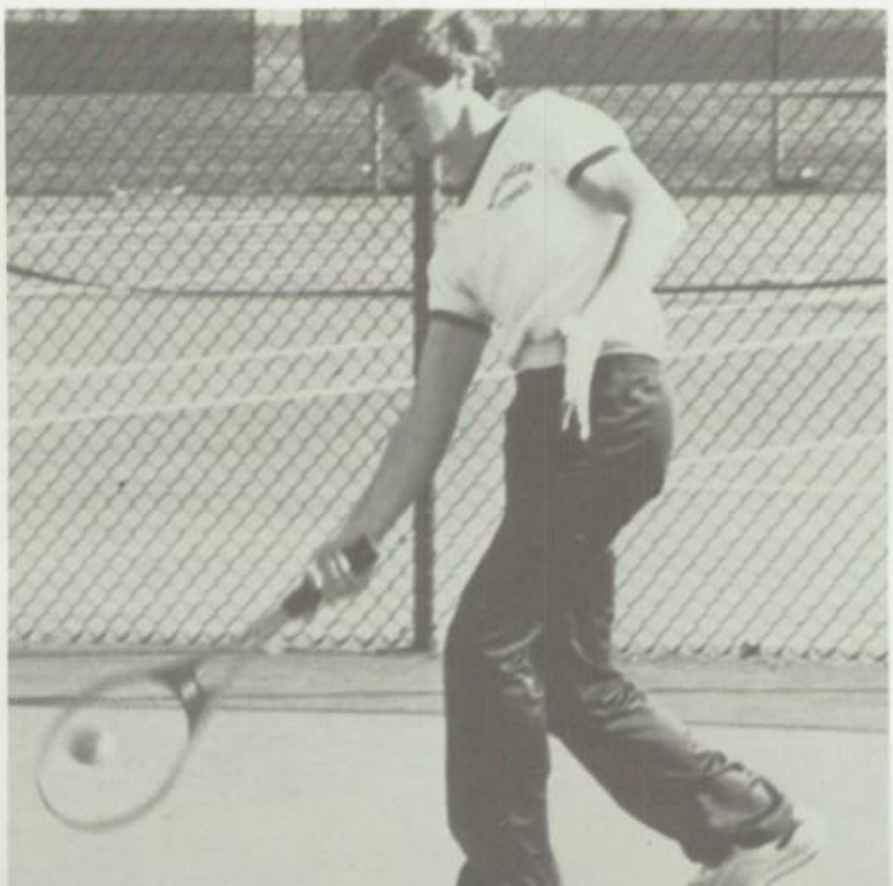
Because the events of a track meet were highly competitive, the members of the track team had to be in tip top shape both physically and mentally. After school practices meant running for several miles then working on their specific events. The men and women's track teams did more than just run; discus, and the pole vault were also track events.

With a superior coaching staff, headed by Coach Jack Magelssen, inspiring the women's team and coach Bob Steward rallying the men's team, both teams could not lose.

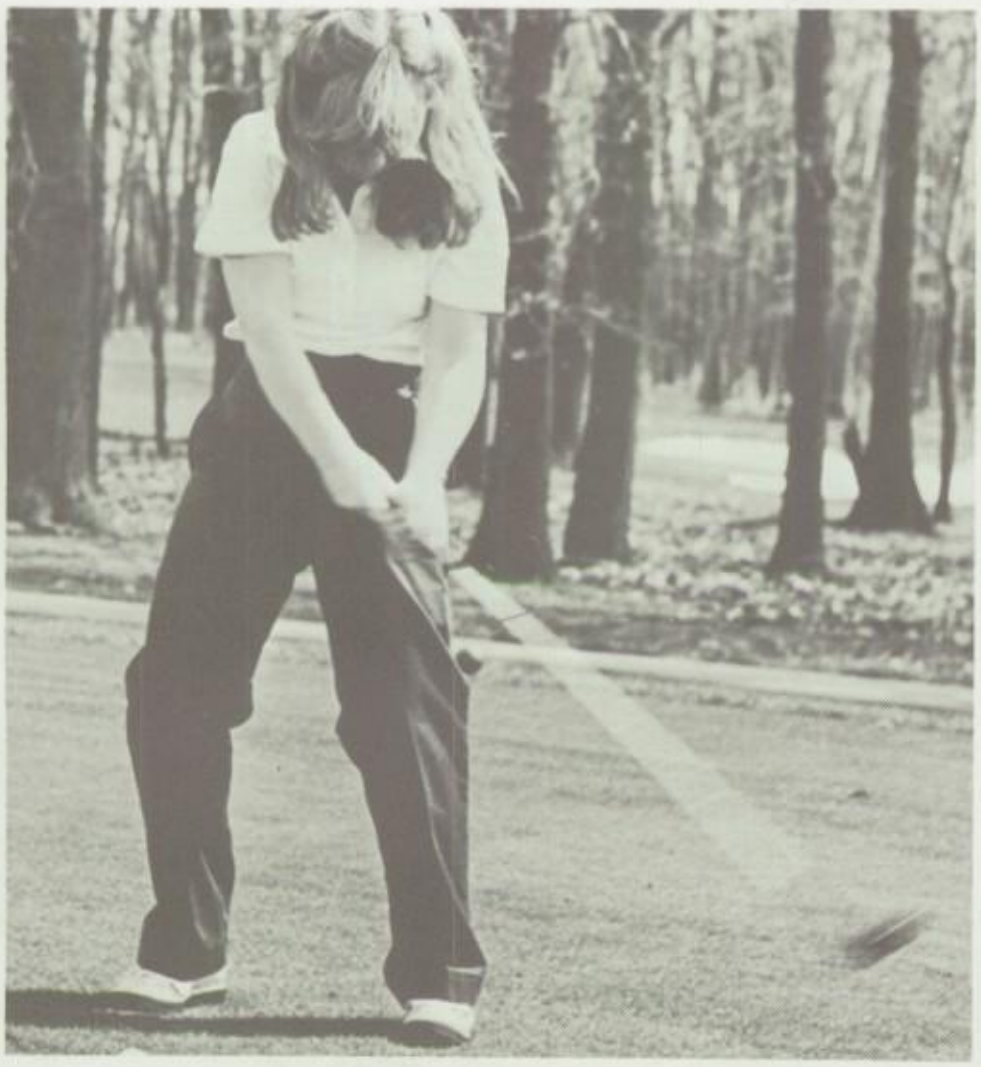
Northern Proud of Boys' Tennis,



ABOVE: Skill is one of John Jacobs' high points. ABOVE RIGHT: Coach Dave Harmsen takes a break between rounds. BELOW: Cris Roty wins another set. BELOW RIGHT: As she helps her team to a victory, Kim Hunt takes her second shot.



Girls' Golf



Year after year spring sports have continued to bring an abundance of excitement and enthusiasm to the students of PNHS. Boys' tennis and girls' golf were popular events with our spring sports fans.

Mr. Dick Rossio, the coach of the boys' tennis team, led the Huskies to many victories. Some members of the team even fought their way to the state semi-finals. Their skill and spirit were enjoyed by all.

The girls' golf team, coached by Mr. Dave Harmsen, used a combination of fabulous tee shots and electrifying putts to insure their victories.

TOP LEFT: To get to the next hole, Carolyn Awe must drive her ball far. ABOVE: Concentration helps Karen Boekeloo sink a crucial putt. LEFT: To be a good tennis player requires much practice, as illustrated by Fred Boling.

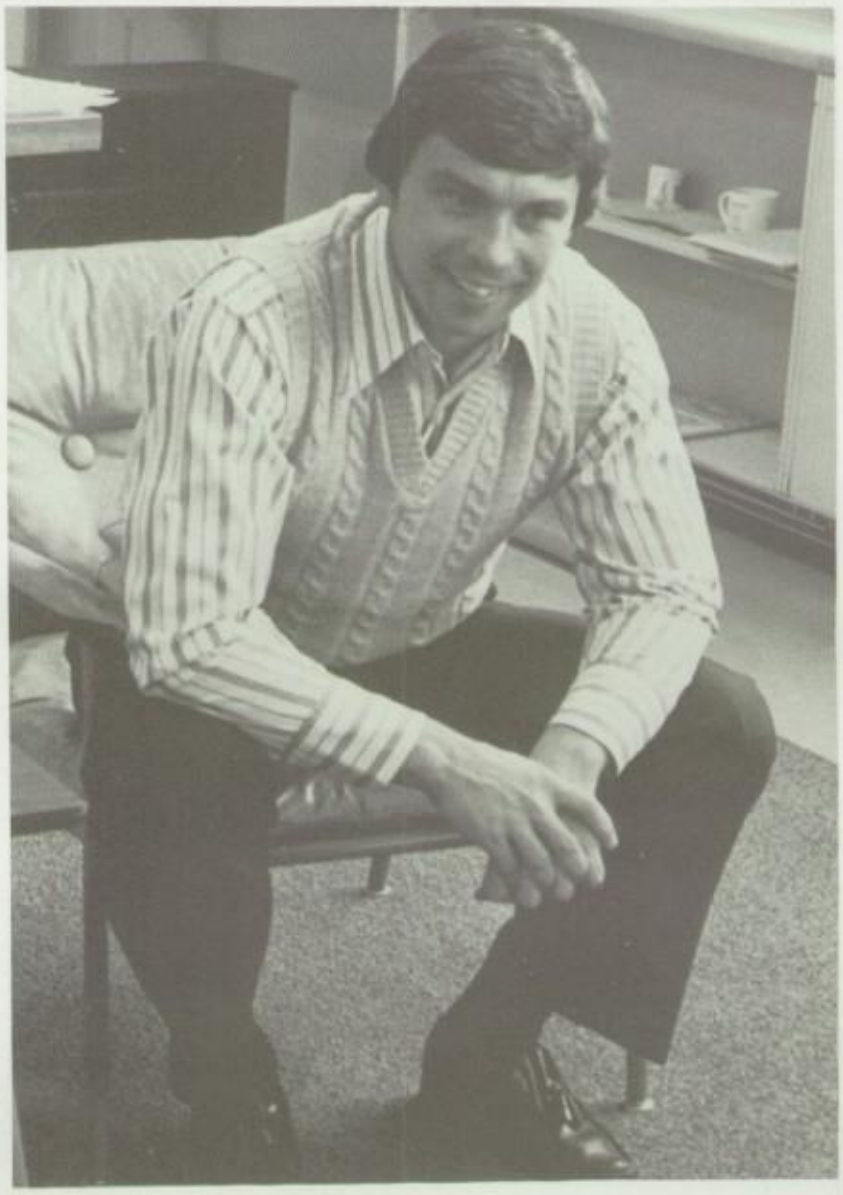
ADMINISTRATION

Administration Devoted to Students

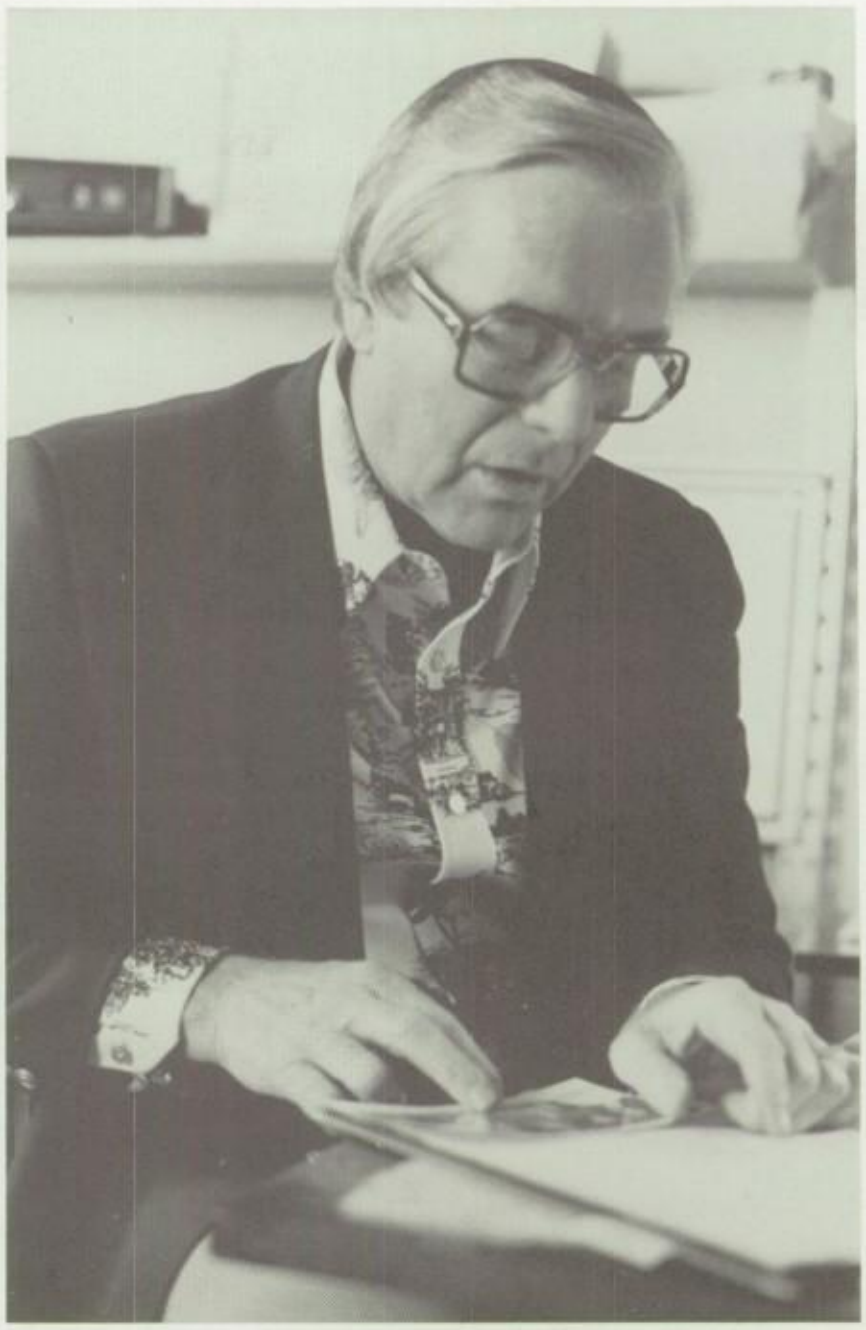
The job of our administrators was one that demanded dedication, organization and many hours of tedious work. These super people used their hours to make decisions that helped our school to operate properly and orderly.

All the decisions made by the administrators were designed to benefit the students of the Portage School System. However, you can't please everyone all of the time. This was discovered when the administration changed lockers.

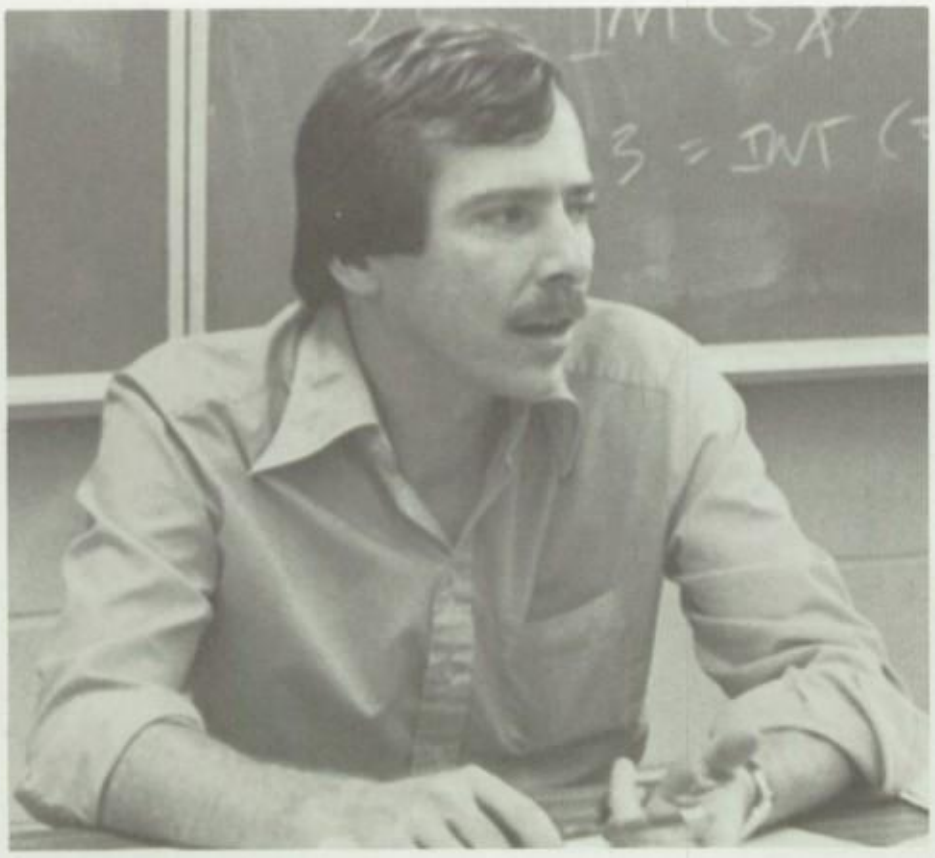
Thanks to the administration, school proceeded smoothly to the end.



LEFT: Congratulations are given to students on a job well done by Dr. Conti. ABOVE LEFT: Help is on the way when you talk to Mr. Tim Dorgan. ABOVE: A well earned break taken by Mr. Dave Harmsen.



ABOVE: A tired Mr. Charles Evans takes a moment to relax. ABOVE RIGHT: Carefully analyzing a problem is Mr. Bud Fossen. BELOW FRONT ROW: Mrs. Gayle Werme, Mr. Richard Glass, Mr. James Ellinger, Mrs. Pat Dolan. BACK ROW: Mr. Joe Atkinson, Mrs. Barbara Baker, Dr. George Conti, Mr. Ted Vliek, Dr. William Boyer.



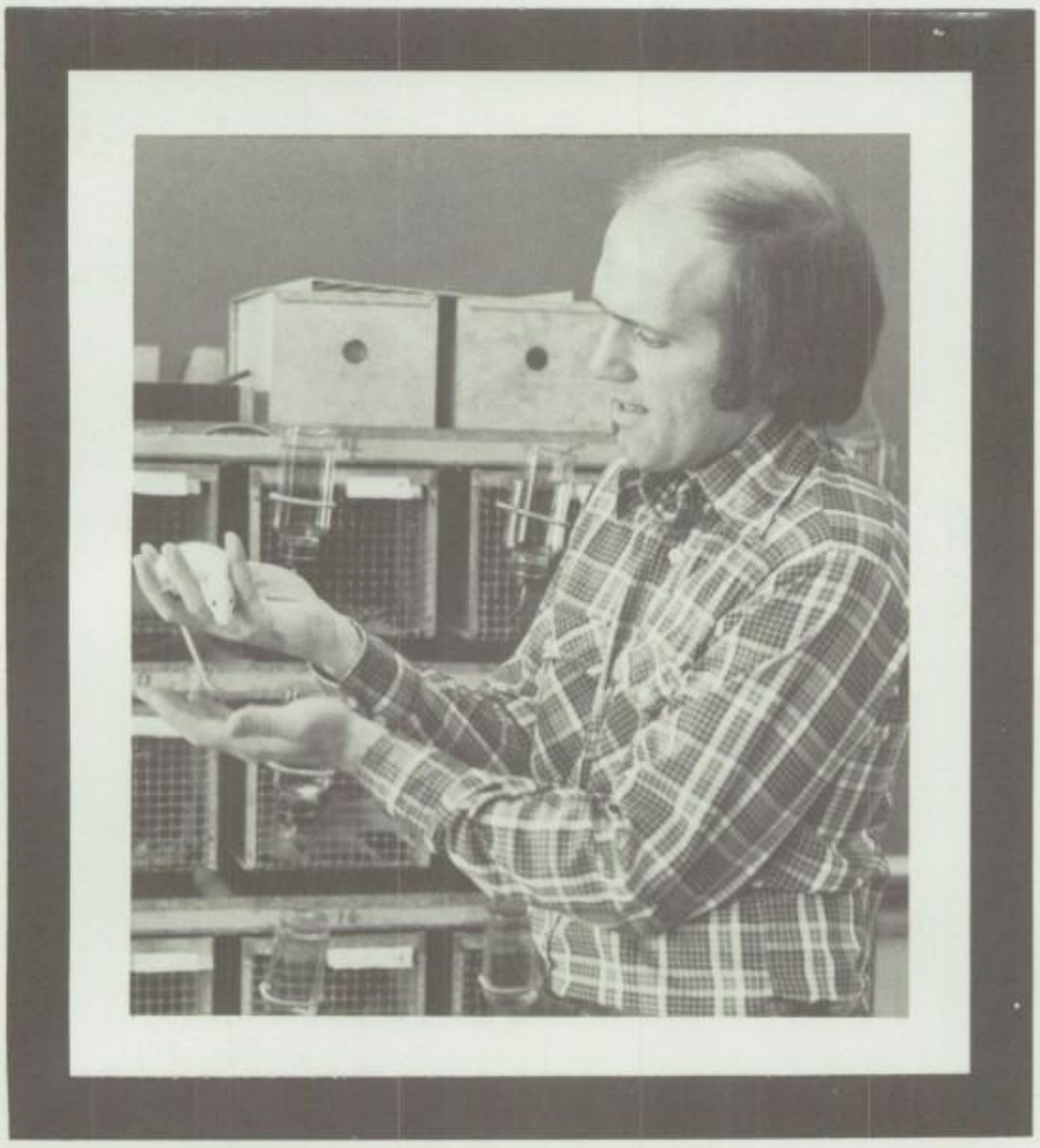
ABOVE: Head chef, Bob Steward, grills up a gourmet meal for his family. ABOVE LEFT: Sometimes lecturing is an important part of computer programming, as the students of Mr. John Willard soon learn. LEFT: Public relations is part of Mrs. Carolyn Selby's job. BELOW LEFT: While discussing tomorrow's menu, Mrs. Arlene Phelps finishes today's chores. BELOW: Many thanks to our switchboard operator, Mrs. Marilyn Berkey.

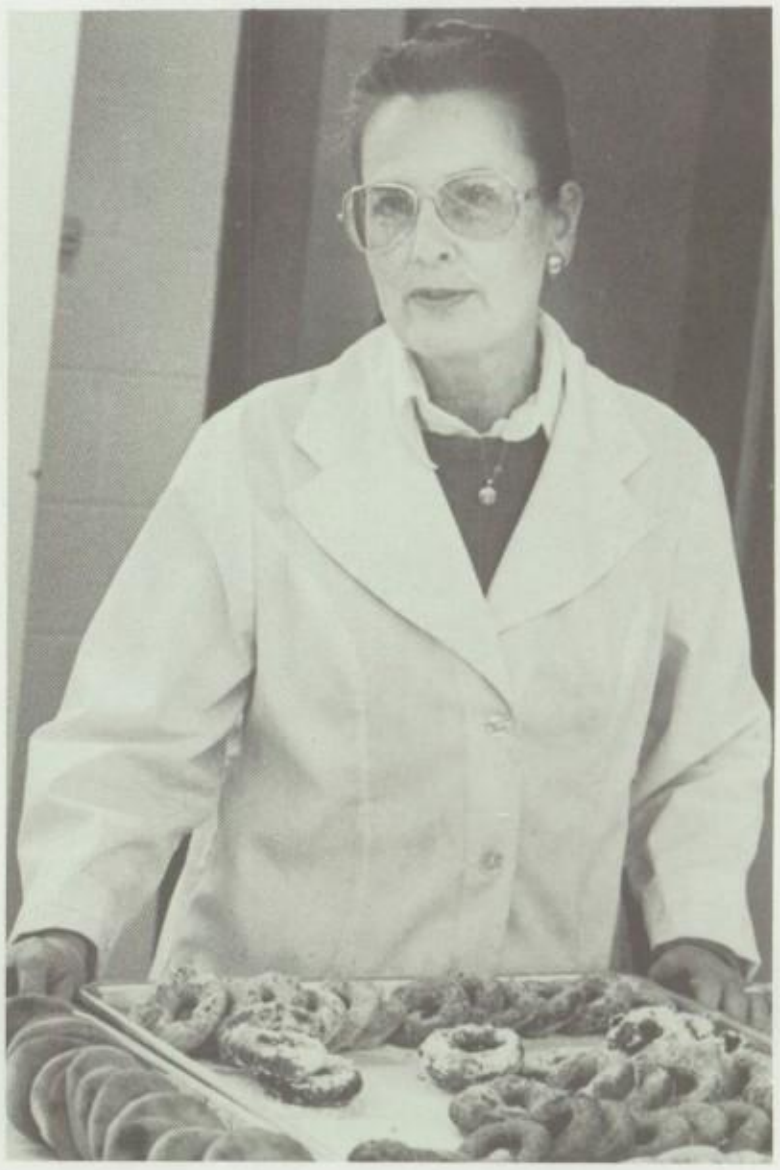
Teachers also have Homework

Teachers did much, much more than just pump our heads full of information. They also participated in many exciting activities and spent creative time via their favorite hobbies.

Many of our teachers were active coaching our fine athletic teams. Others worked at the games or organized them. And believe it or not, a large number of our teachers were sportsmen.

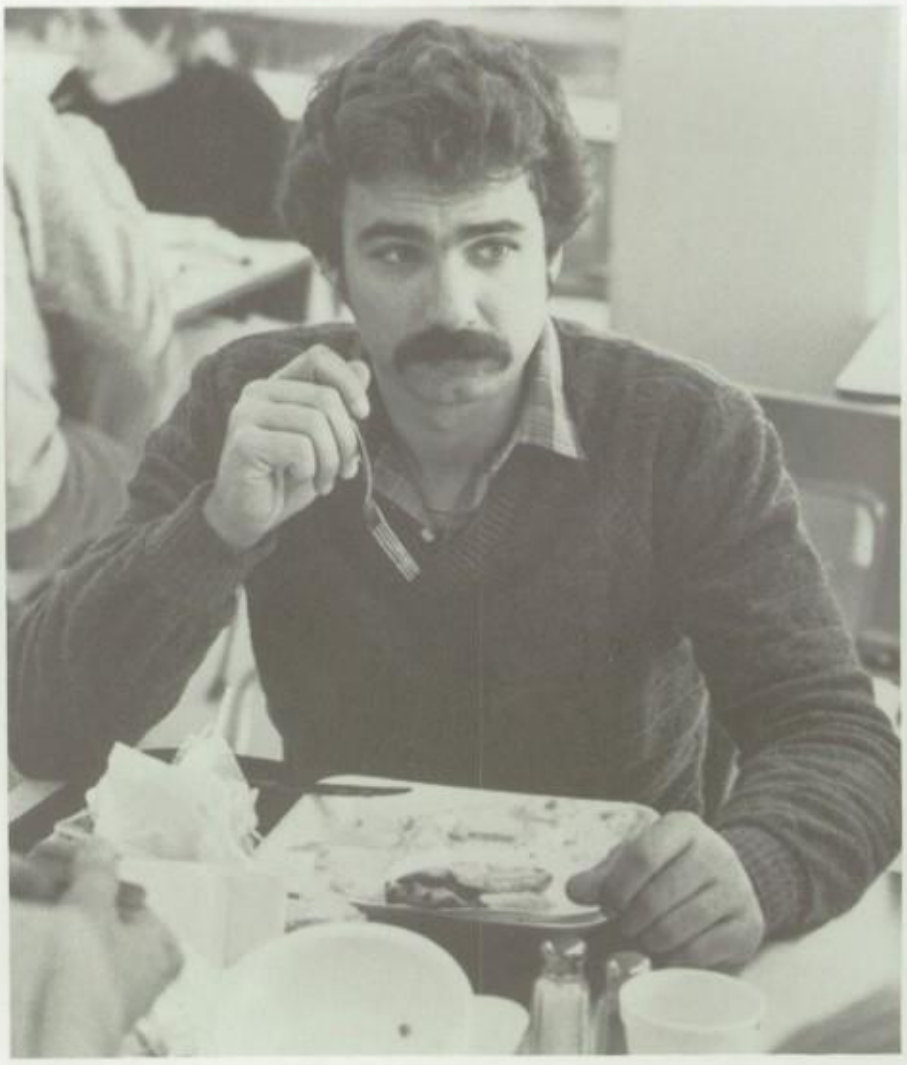
Hobbies, crafts, and various other time consumers were not at all foreign to our faculty. Teachers enjoyed activities ranging from painting to dancing and even cooking. Northern's faculty wasn't suffering an energy crisis.



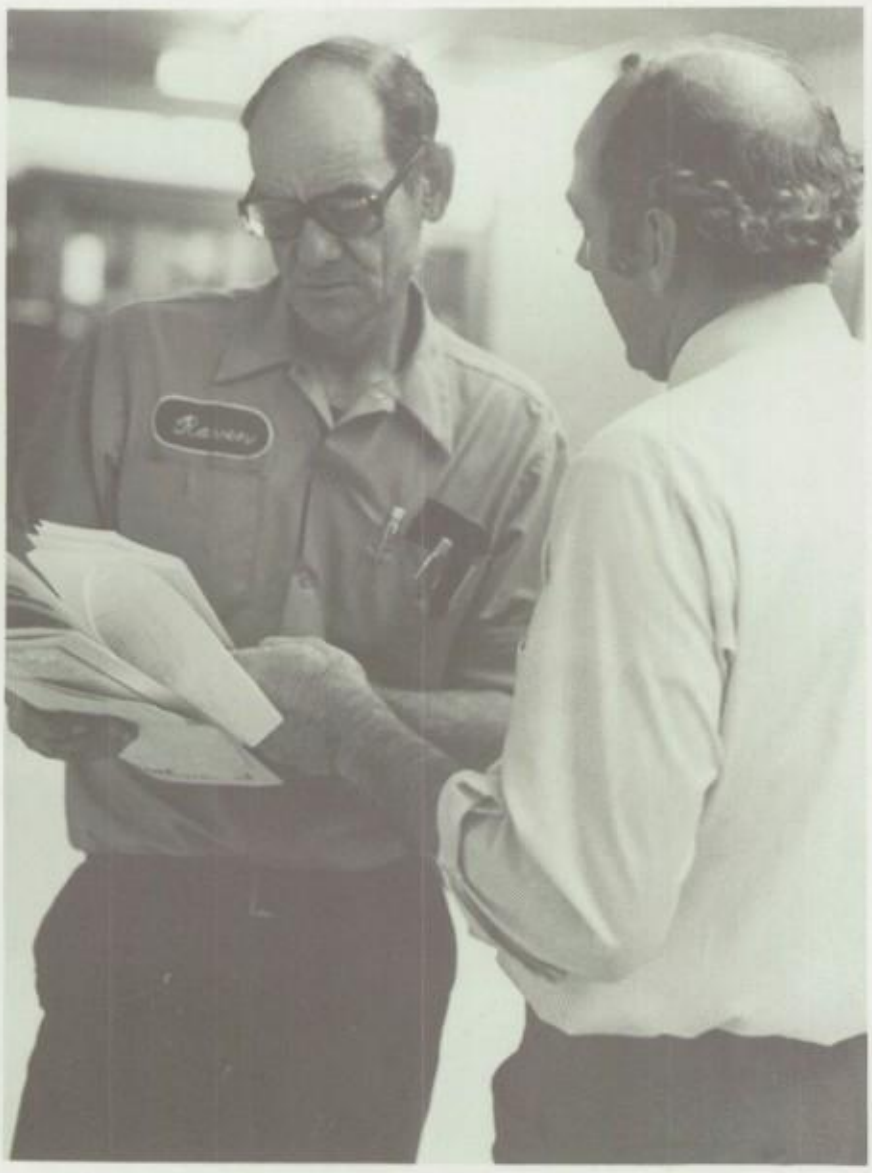


ABOVE LEFT: Part of biology is studying animal behavior, as illustrated by Mr. John Goudie. ABOVE RIGHT: "The doughnut sale was a big success!" exclaims Mrs. Laurabelle Roderick. ABOVE: An organized guidance office is maintained, thanks to Mrs. Sherrie Wilde.

What Would We do Without Them?



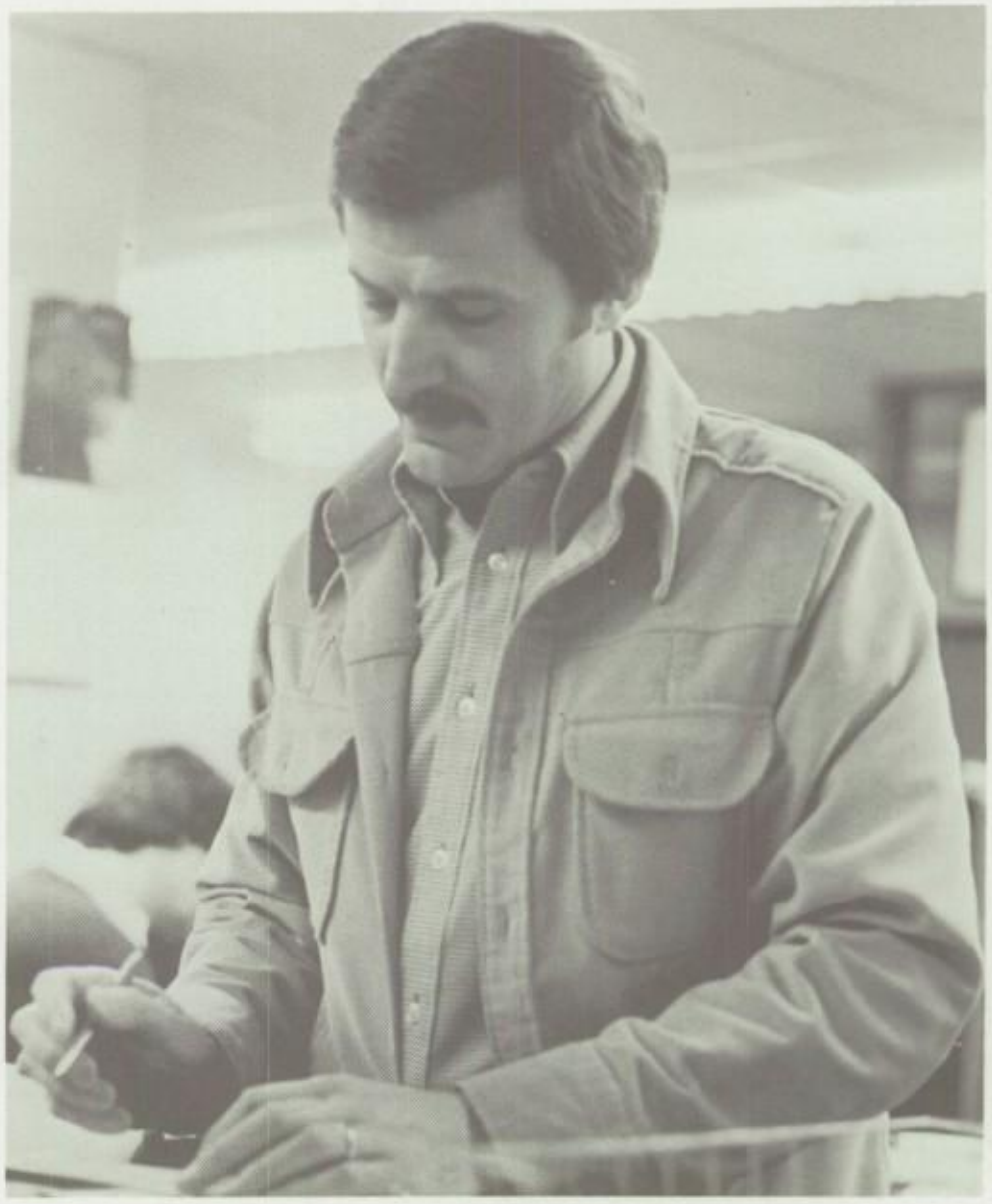
ABOVE: Halloween spirit is shown here by Mrs. Mary Harmon. TOP: Lunch hour provides a much-needed break from a hectic day for Mr. Tom Pero. ABOVE LEFT: After grading his students' papers, Mr. Rob Iciek records the scores in his grade book. MIDDLE: A busy Mr. Carl Latora takes time out to answer the phone. LEFT: Though ironing may not be an enjoyable job, Mrs. Betty Wolbers conquers it.



TOP LEFT: An inquisitive Mr. Robert Raven peers intently at the new issue of the Northern Light. TOP RIGHT: The faculty lounge offers a moment of relaxation to Mr. Don Smith. ABOVE: A projector is operated by Mrs. Lou Day harsh. BOTTOM RIGHT: History is Miss Kay Buehler's specialty.

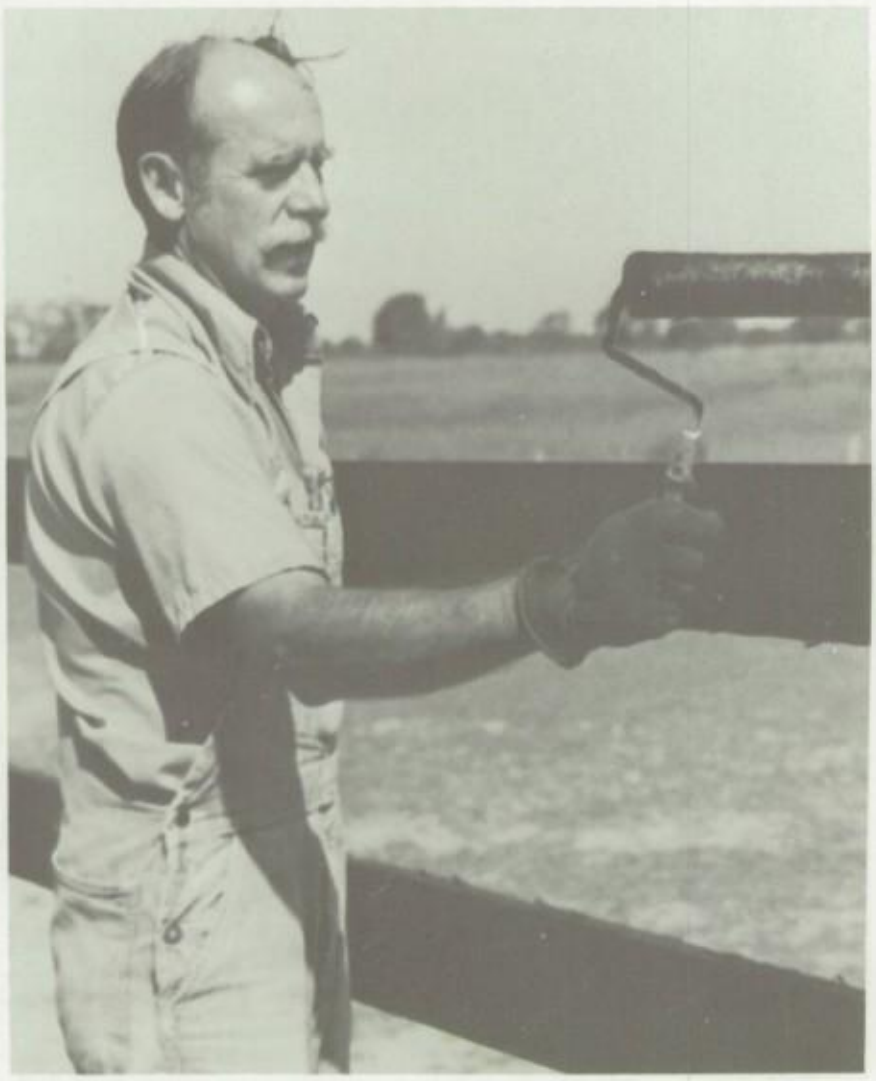
ABOVE: "Are we done yet?" asks Mrs. Jill Jilek. TOP LEFT: Always ready to help is Mr. Dave Reeves. BOTTOM LEFT: Out for a Sunday bike ride is Mrs. Denise Baldwin. BELOW: After lunch , dishes are left for Mrs. Royal Ranger.

Ours Are the Greatest!

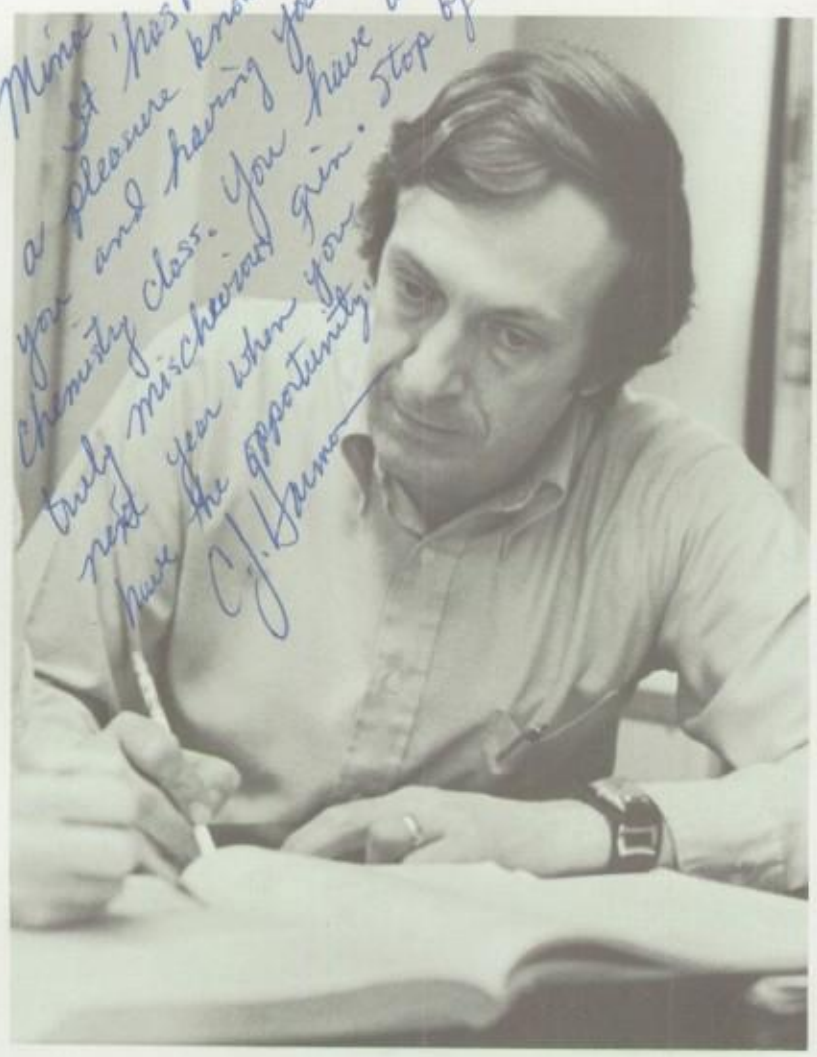


TOP LEFT: Laundry is always kept clean thanks to Mrs. Agnes Peters. TOP RIGHT: An observant Mr. Jerry Spade keeps an eye on the front desk. ABOVE: The art of coloring is demonstrated by Mrs. Connie Jones and son. RIGHT: Latin students can always get help from Mrs. Mary Wilson.

Teachers Enjoy Home Life

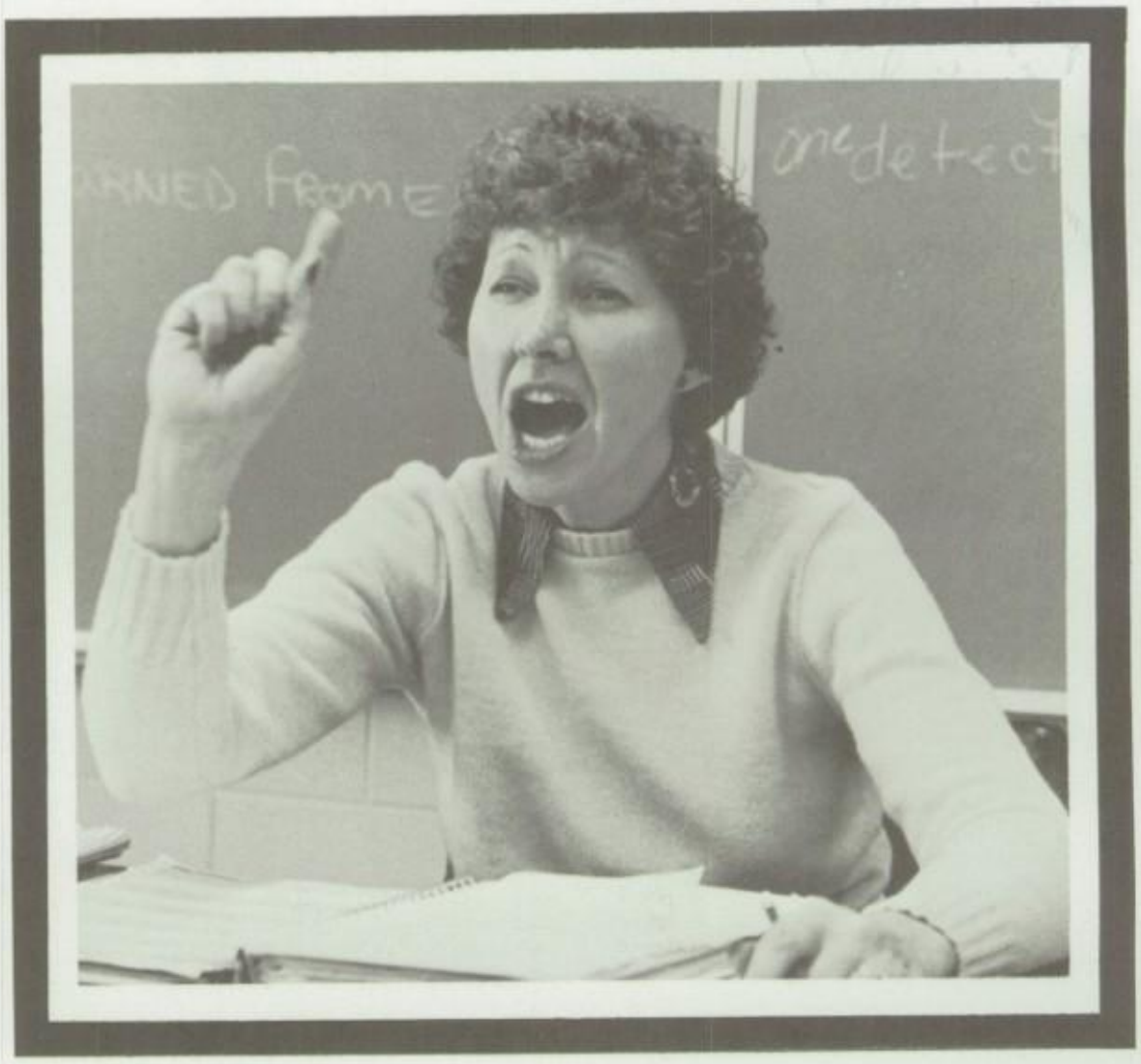


ABOVE LEFT: Artistic expertise is displayed by Mr. George Kitchen. BELOW LEFT: The band is kept in time all thoughout practice by Mr. Don Griesbach. BELOW RIGHT: Science isn't Dr. Bob Suder's only interest. ABOVE RIGHT: During the hot summer days Mr. and Mrs. Engels enjoyed their cool pool immensely.

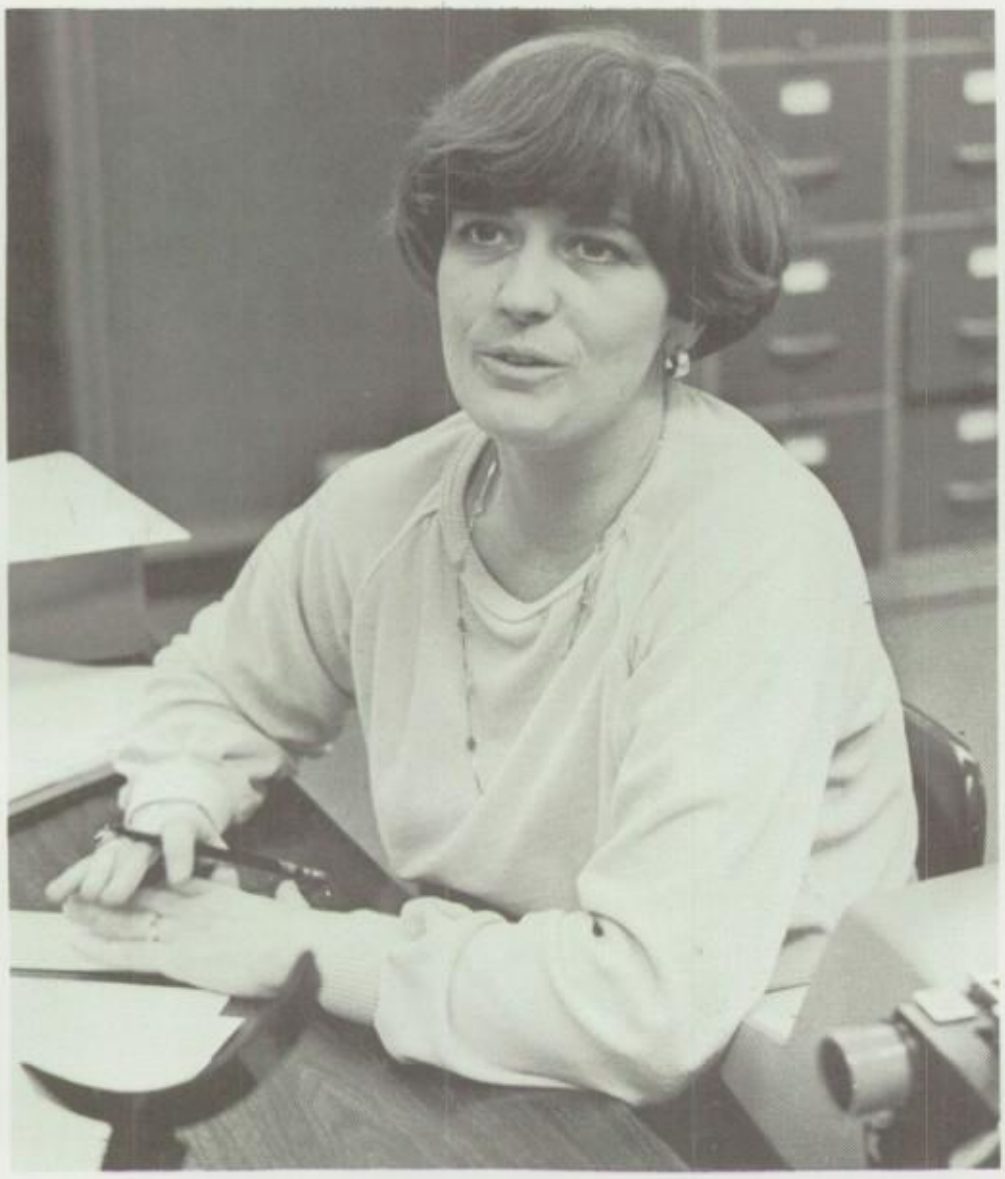

Mine was a pleasure knowing you and hearing your Chemistry class. You have a truly mischievous grin. Stop by next year when you have the opportunity.
C.J. Harmon

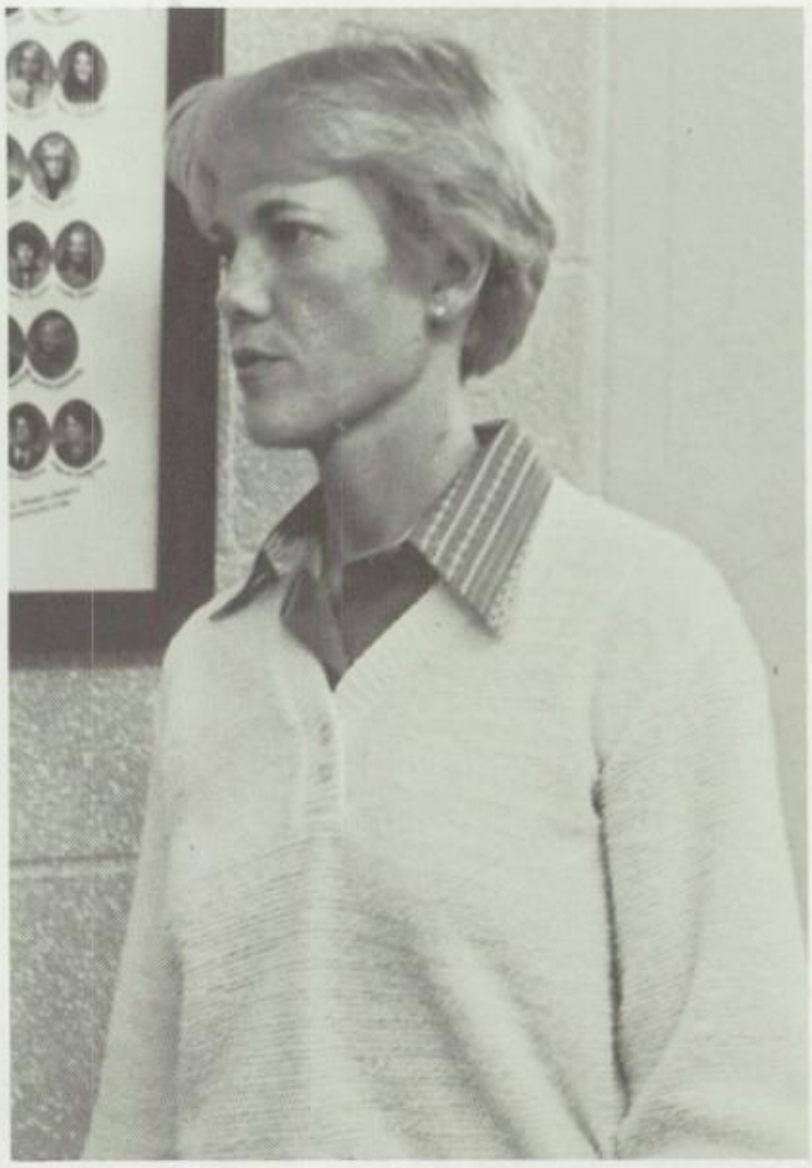
ABOVE LEFT: Busy explaining the many mysteries of chemistry is Mr. Chuck Harmon. ABOVE RIGHT: Blossoms flourish with the help of Mrs. Kathy Calnin. BELOW RIGHT: A quiet afternoon is enjoyed by Mrs. Linda Powell and her daughter Logan. ABOVE: At home, Mrs. Jean Fawley relaxes with a hairy friend.

They always Have Answers

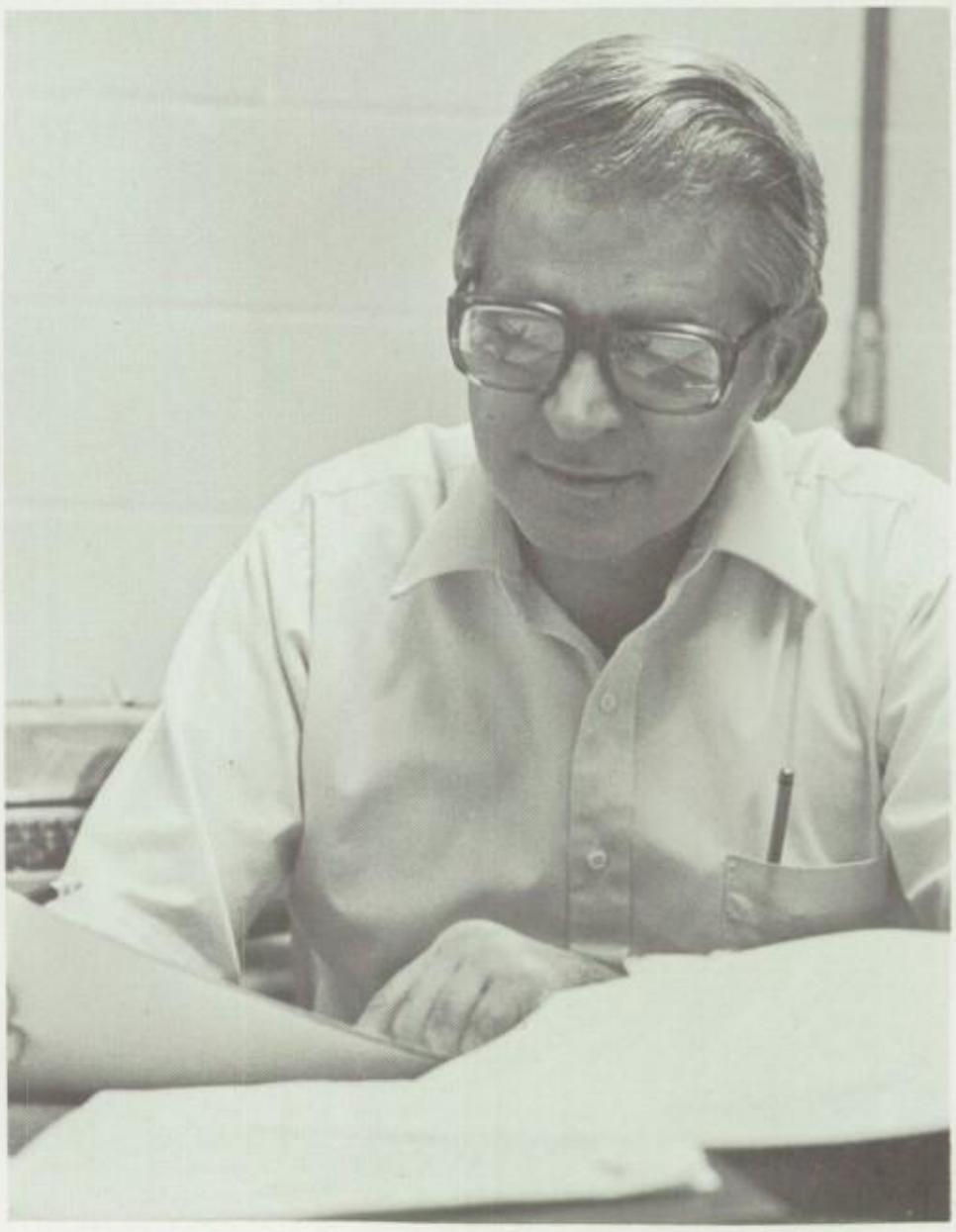


ABOVE: A timid Mrs. Sharon Barnes softly asks her students the answers to several questions. ABOVE LEFT: Exercise is always part of Mrs. Marilyn Longjohn's day. BELOW LEFT: A watchful eye is kept by Mrs. Sandy Peterson. BELOW: The art of music is explored by Miss Deb Stuifbergen and her creative students.

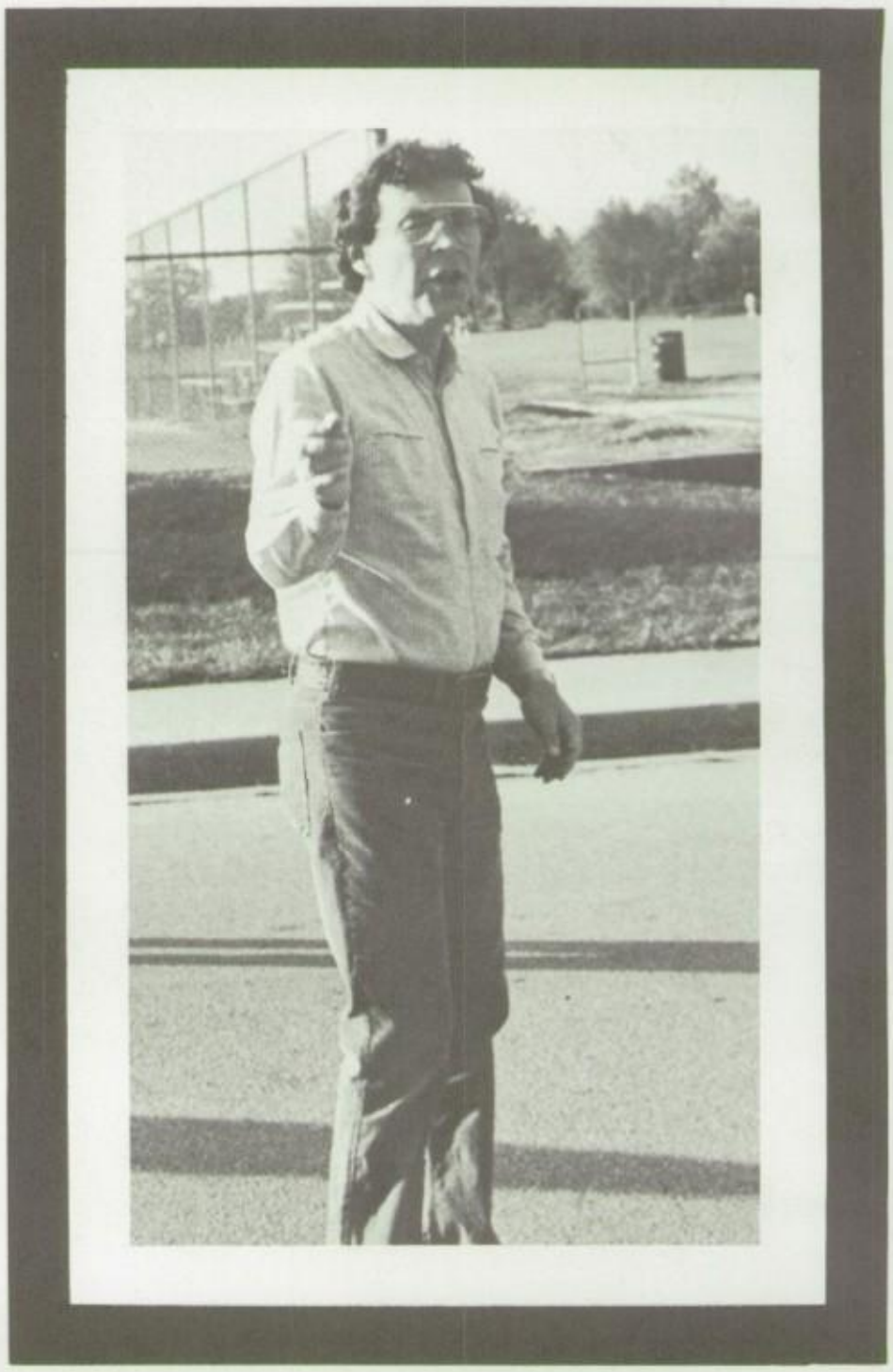




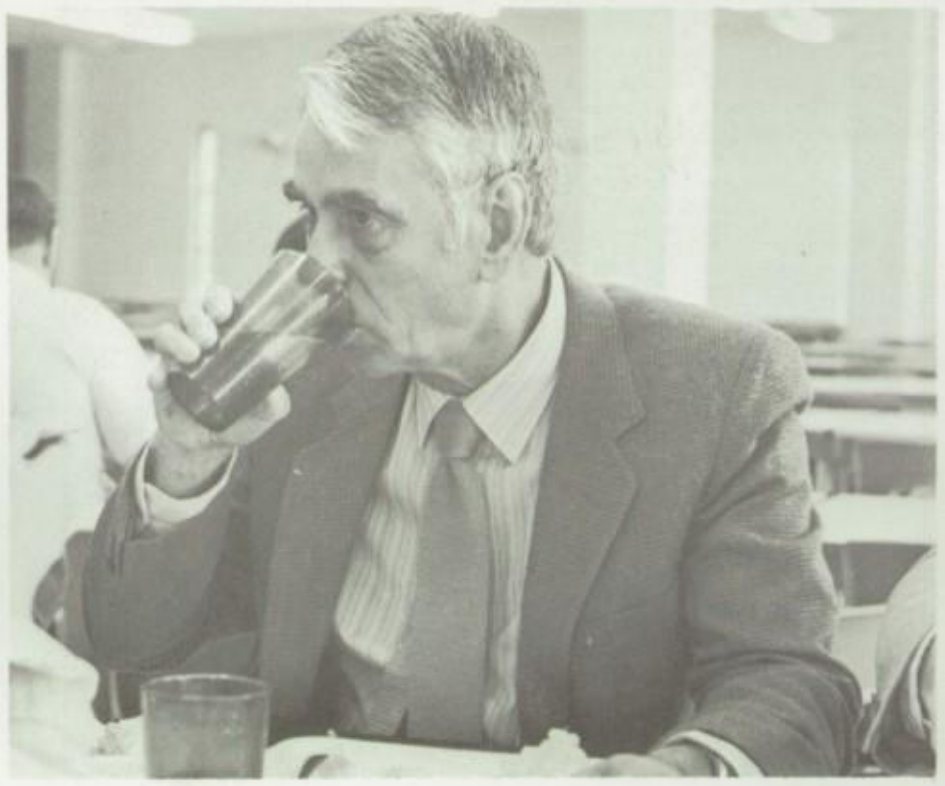
ABOVE: Office secretary, Mrs. Marsha Venema, listens attentively. ABOVE RIGHT: Students keep an eye on Mrs. Ann Ramer when she walks the halls. RIGHT: Ready to check his Co-op students is Mr. Ara Mosher. BELOW: Kitchen appliances are washed by Mrs. Rose Manion and Mrs. Marion Timmons.



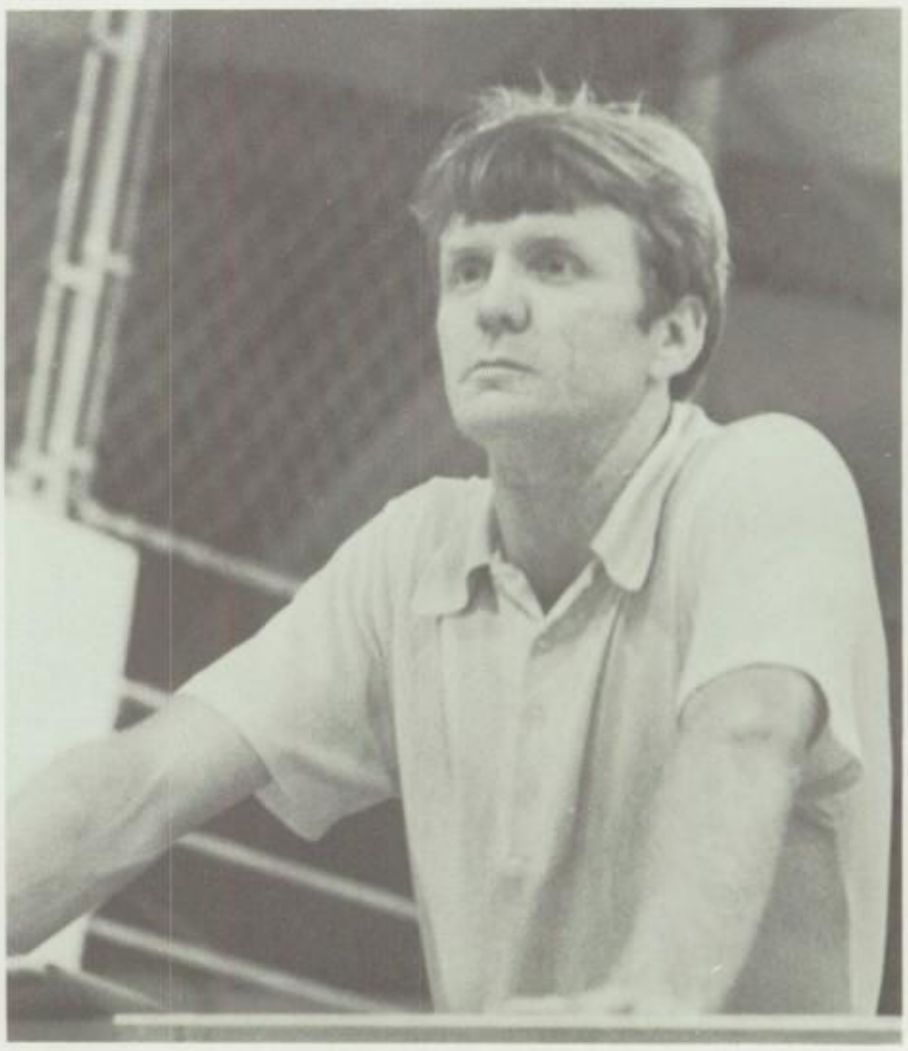
Teachers Inspire Learning



ABOVE: The bleachers offer a place to lean for Mr. Howard Hattan. BELOW: Career goals are examined by Mrs. Carol Gunberg. BELOW RIGHT: A thirsty Mr. Jim Hart reviews the day's activities over a big glass of water. RIGHT: "Practice makes perfect," shouts an enthusiastic Mr. Marlowe Crocker.



ABOVE: Student records are checked for accuracy by Miss Grace Mohney. ABOVE LEFT: Huskie spirit is shown by Mr. Don Shull. BELOW LEFT: A friendly voice on the telephone always makes Mrs. Shirley Vanden Akker smile. BELOW: The watchful eyes of Mr. Jack Magelssen observe the gym events.

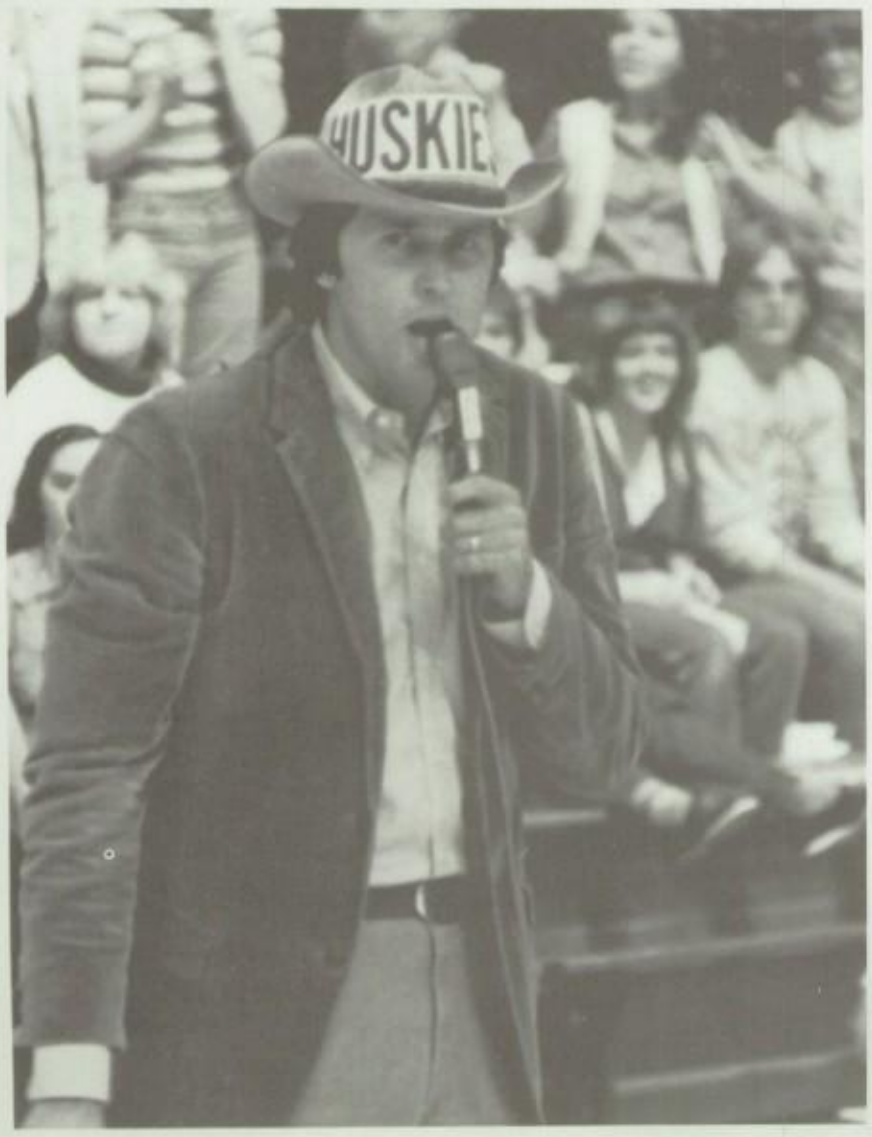


Always on the Go

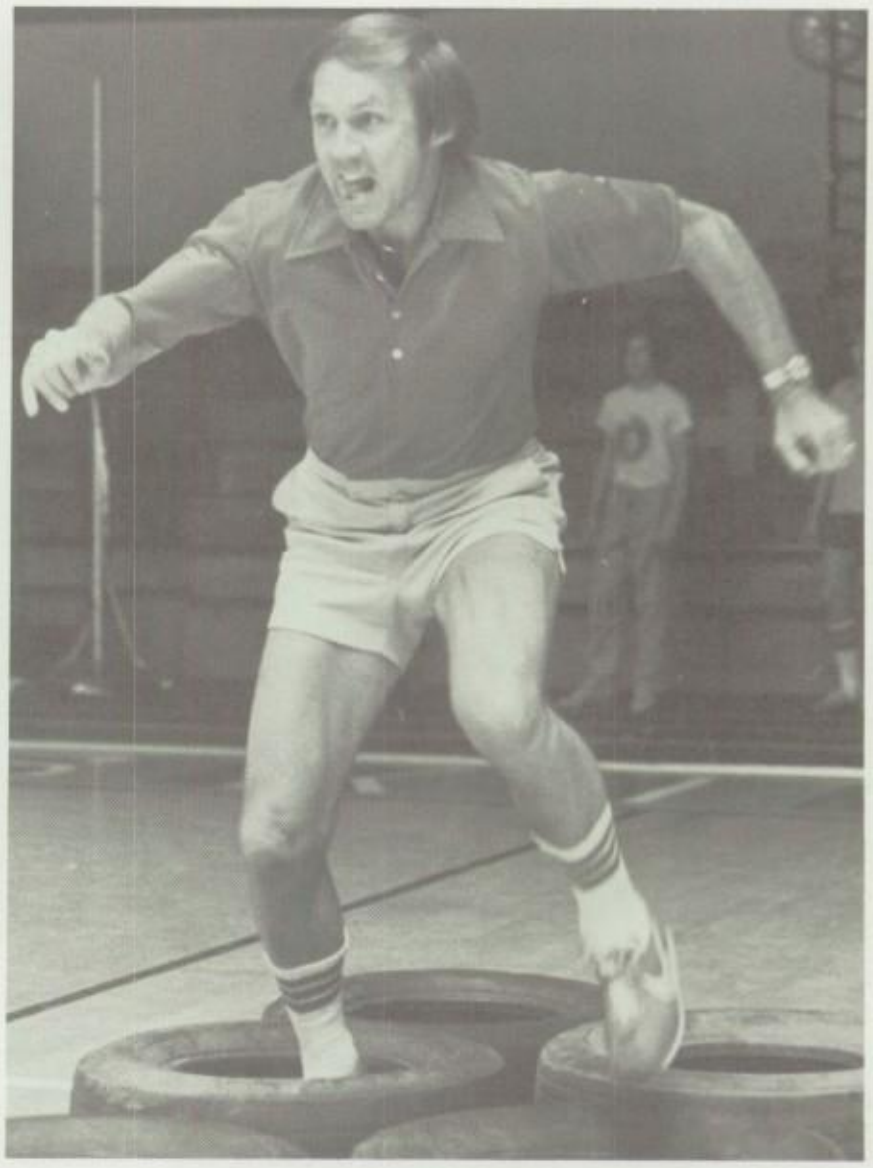
Without a doubt, our teachers are very important people. With their help and ability, our minds have become enriched with valuable knowledge. In turn, this knowledge will help Northern's students to build a greater tomorrow.

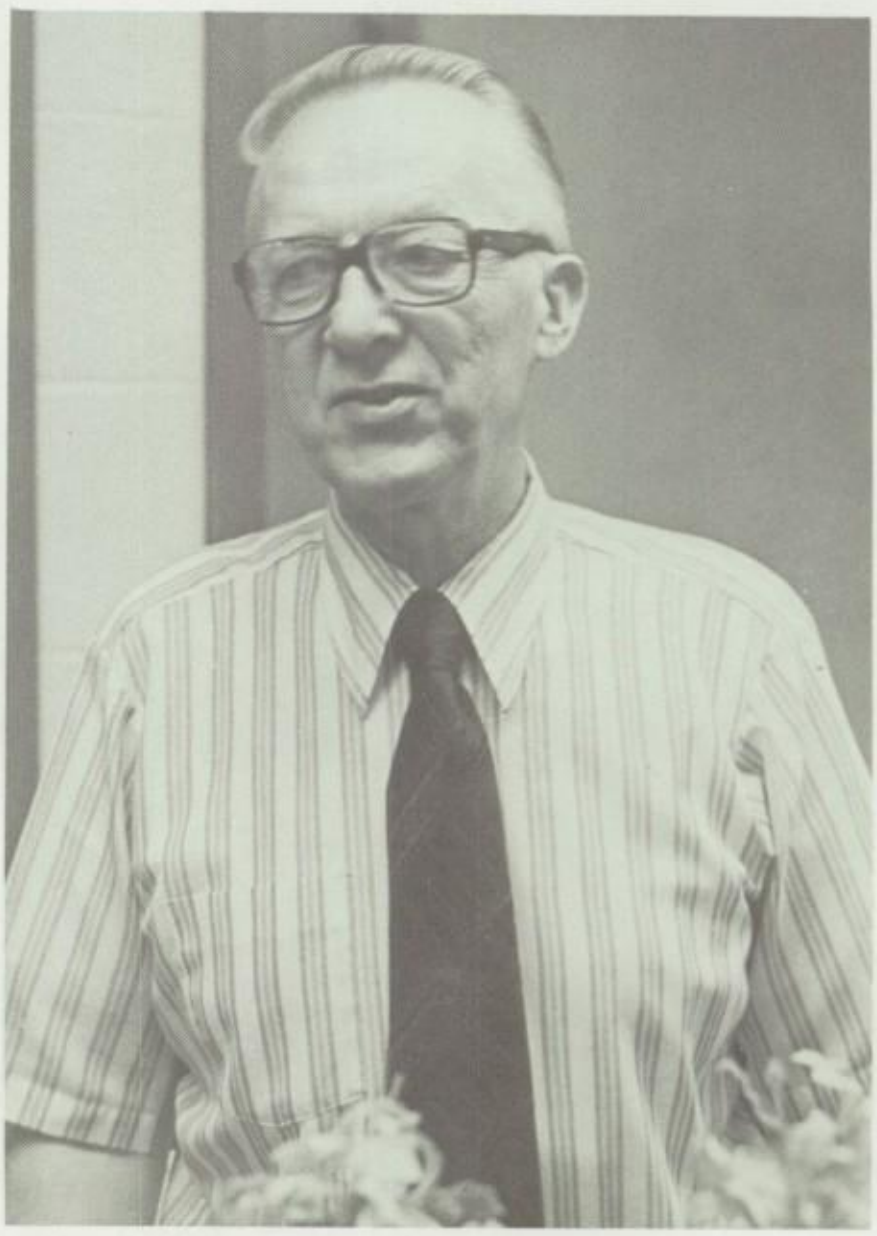
However, our teachers were more than just educators. They had their own lives, also, and without a doubt, had good times living them.

Thanks to their efforts, our teachers made school rewarding and enjoyable for hundreds of students. With teachers who could do that, there was no question why Northern was number one.

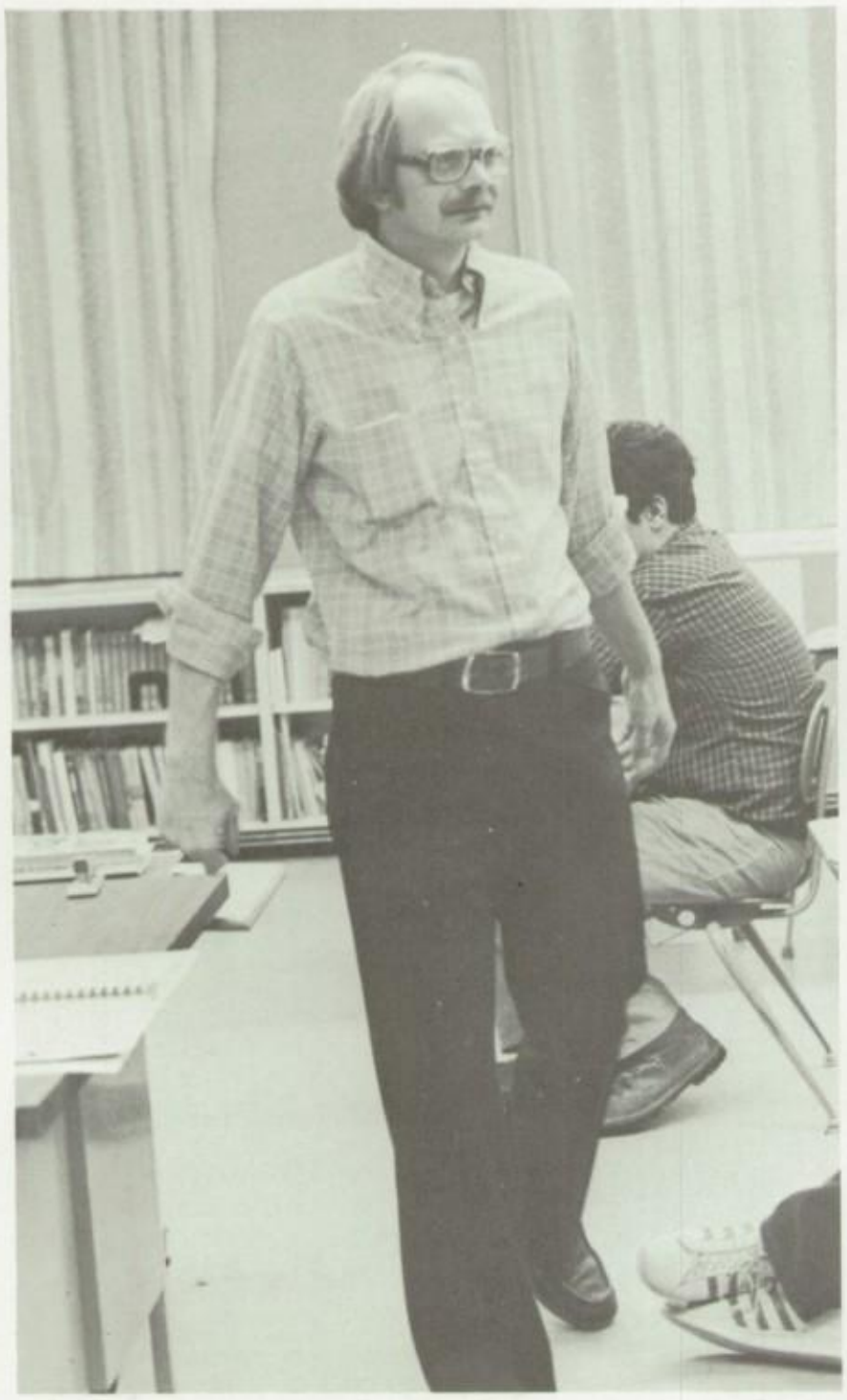


TOP LEFT: Marshmallow after marshmallow is stuffed into Mr. John Zull's mouth. ABOVE: The A-V room receives a visit from Mr. Thom Barber. LEFT: School spirit is spurred by an enthusiastic Mr. Phil Sheldon.



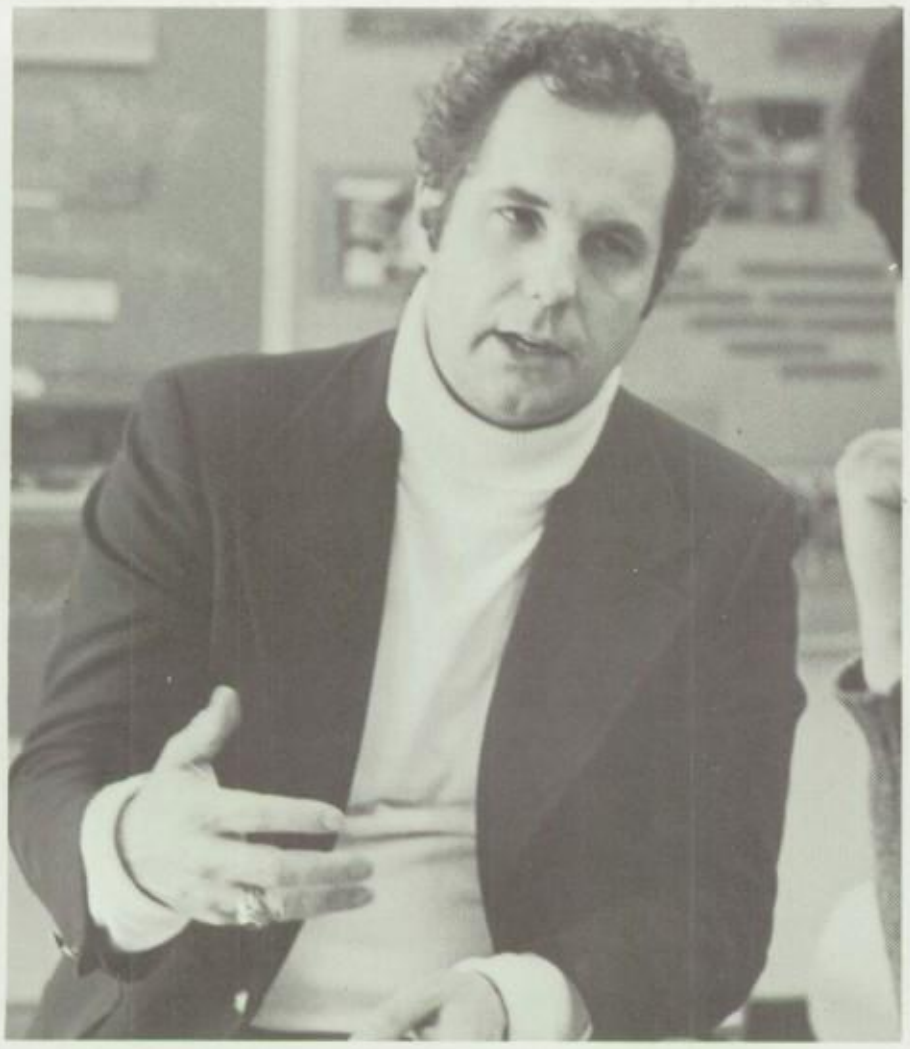


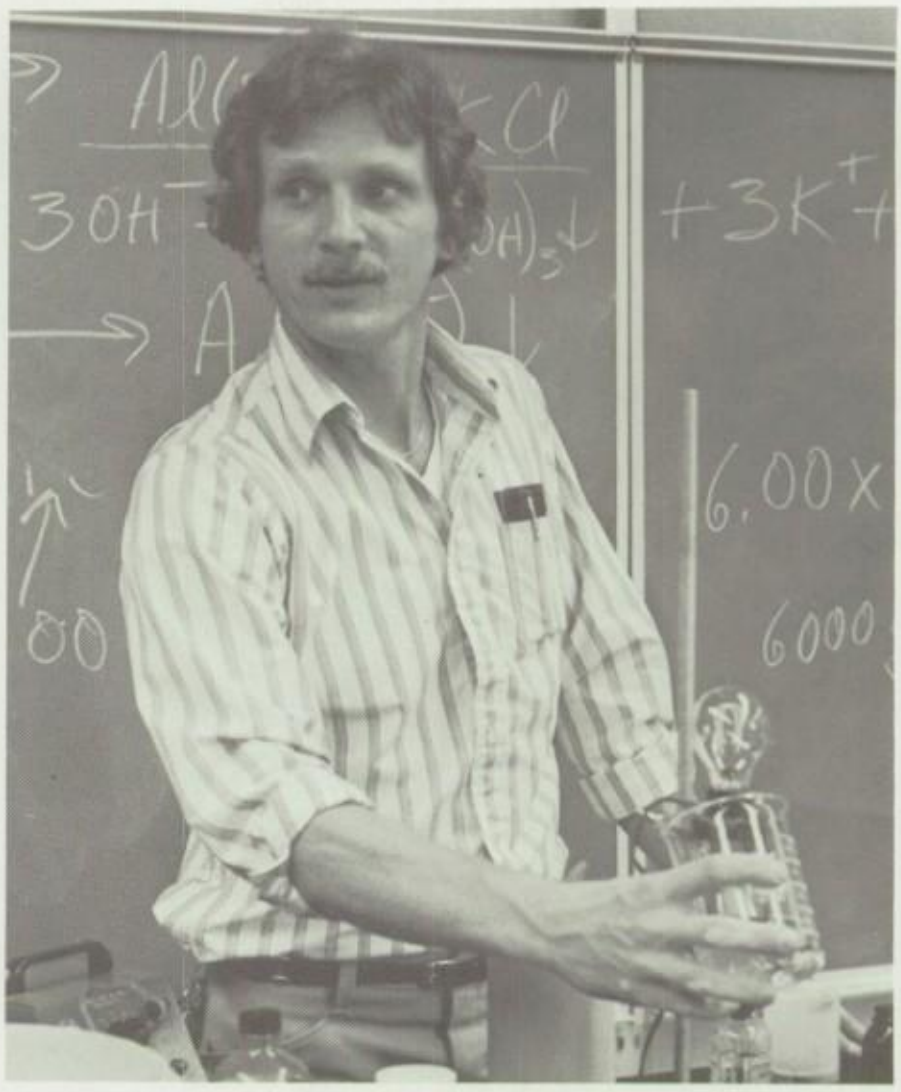
ABOVE RIGHT: Quickly maneuvering through the tires in the Super-Star contest is child's play for Mr. Bud Breed. ABOVE LEFT: A football player listens to suggestions from Coach Joe Wood. RIGHT: Always ready and willing to help is Mr. Ed Grau. ABOVE: An exciting week is planned by Mrs. Pat Johnson.

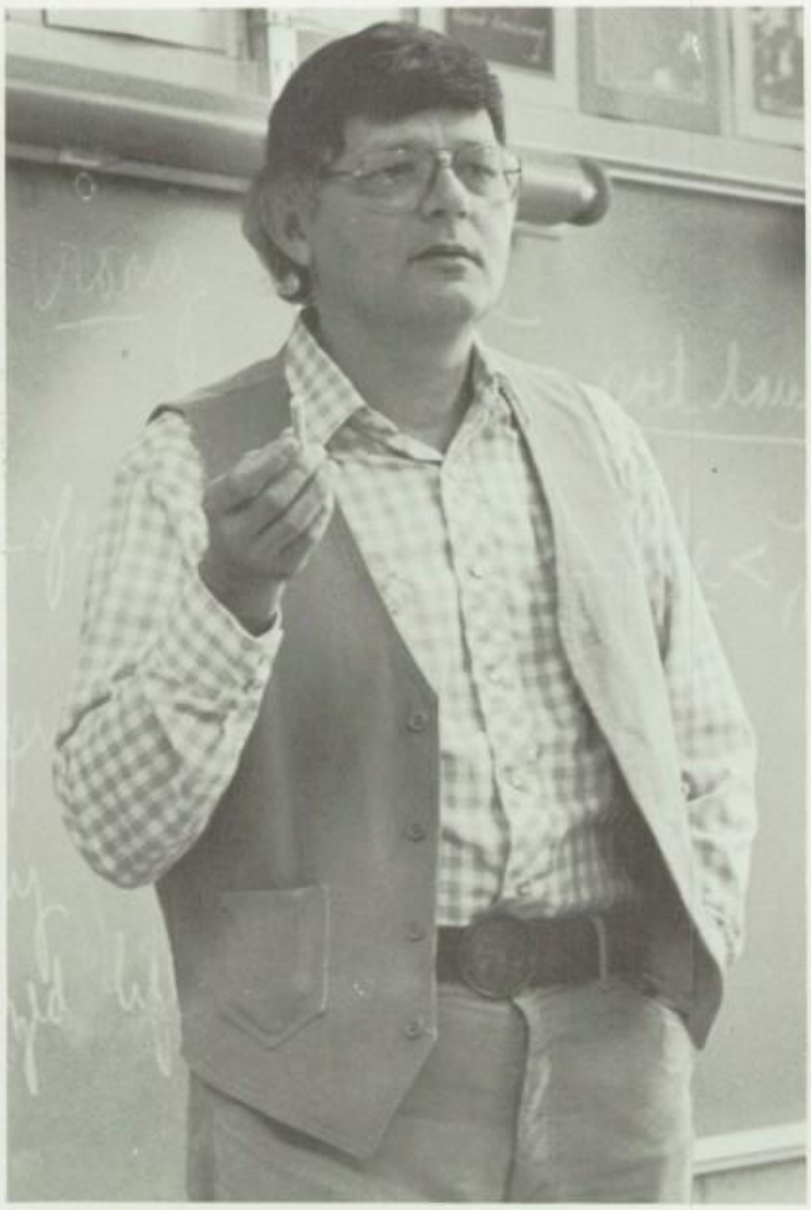


OPPOSITE LEFT: Debate topics are discussed by Mr. Jim Menchinger and Sri Chandran. OPPOSITE RIGHT: Experiments are explained by Mr. Kim McGeorge. OPPOSITE BELOW RIGHT: Future architects rely on Mr. Glen Moss. OPPOSITE BELOW LEFT: Art projects are examined by Miss Mary Gave. LEFT: Geometry proofs are made easier with the help of Mr. George Donoghue. ABOVE: Papers are graded by Mrs. Arlene White. BELOW LEFT: A few moments with her son are enjoyed by Mrs. Julia Simonton. BELOW: French lessons are carried on by substitute French instructor Mrs. Florence Rozella

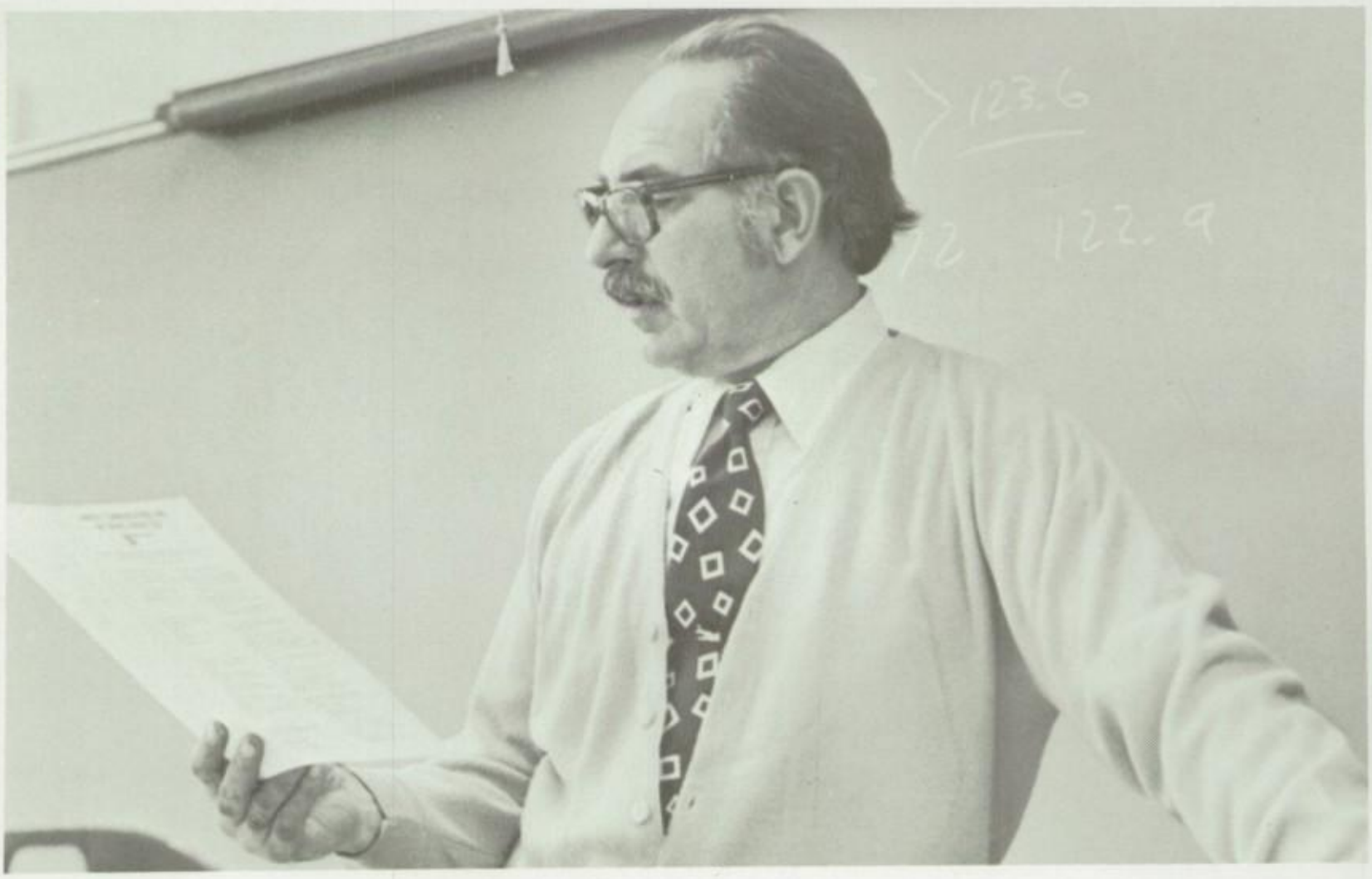
Teachers Mold Our Futures

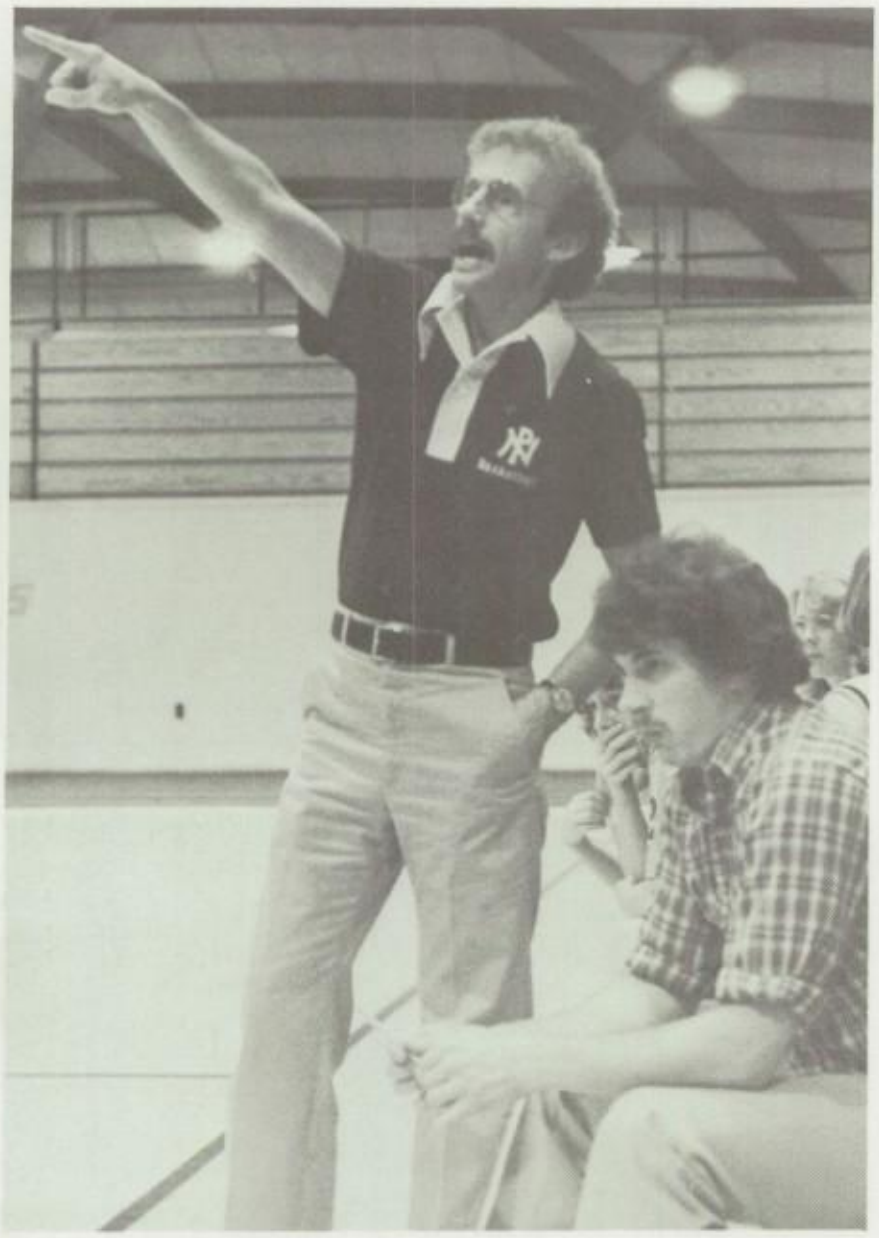






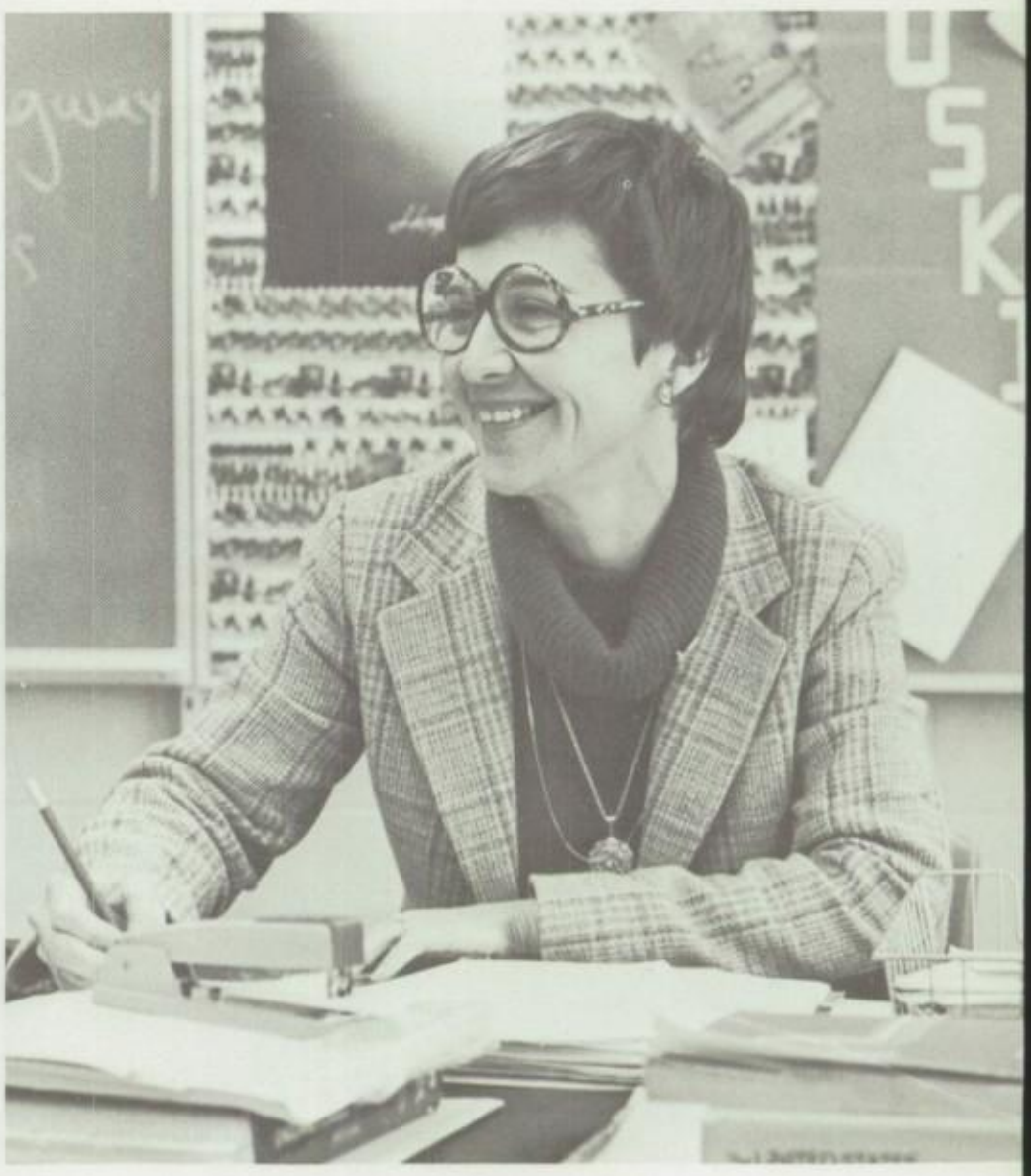
ABOVE: A lecture is given by Mr. Art Nemitz. ABOVE RIGHT: Books that balance please Mrs. Darlene Brown. BELOW Foreign affairs examined by Mr. Harold Hope.



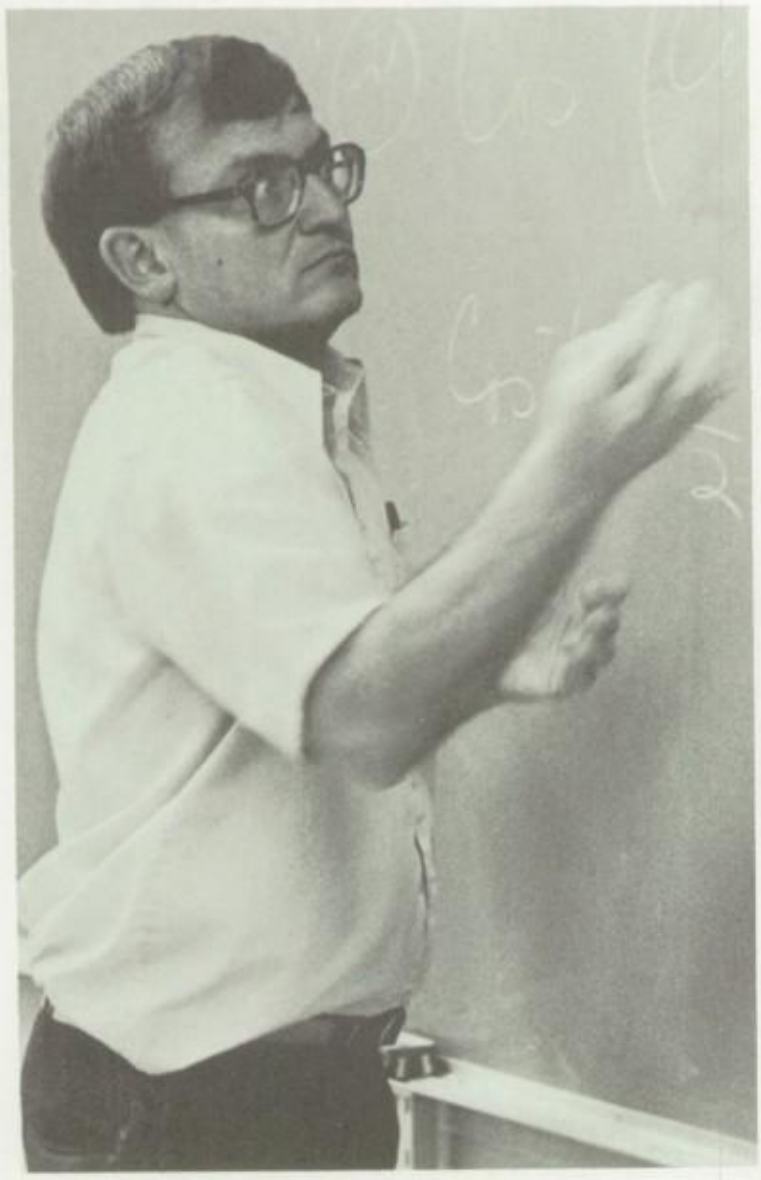


Teachers Stimulate Studies

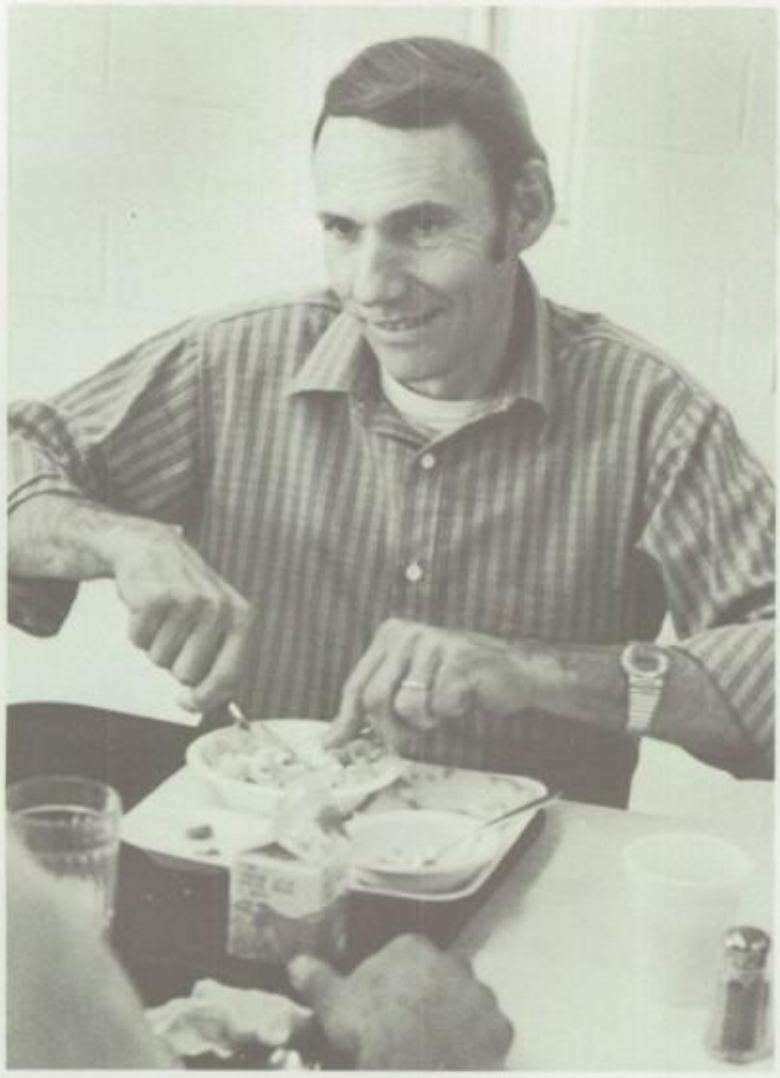
ABOVE: Instructions are yelled out b Mr. Richard Rossio to the girls' basketball team. BELOW: Hall Monitor Mrs. Geri Caron terrifies students with her evil eye. BELOW RIGHT: Composition students as well as Mrs. Barb Farris enjoy a good laugh to help them relax.

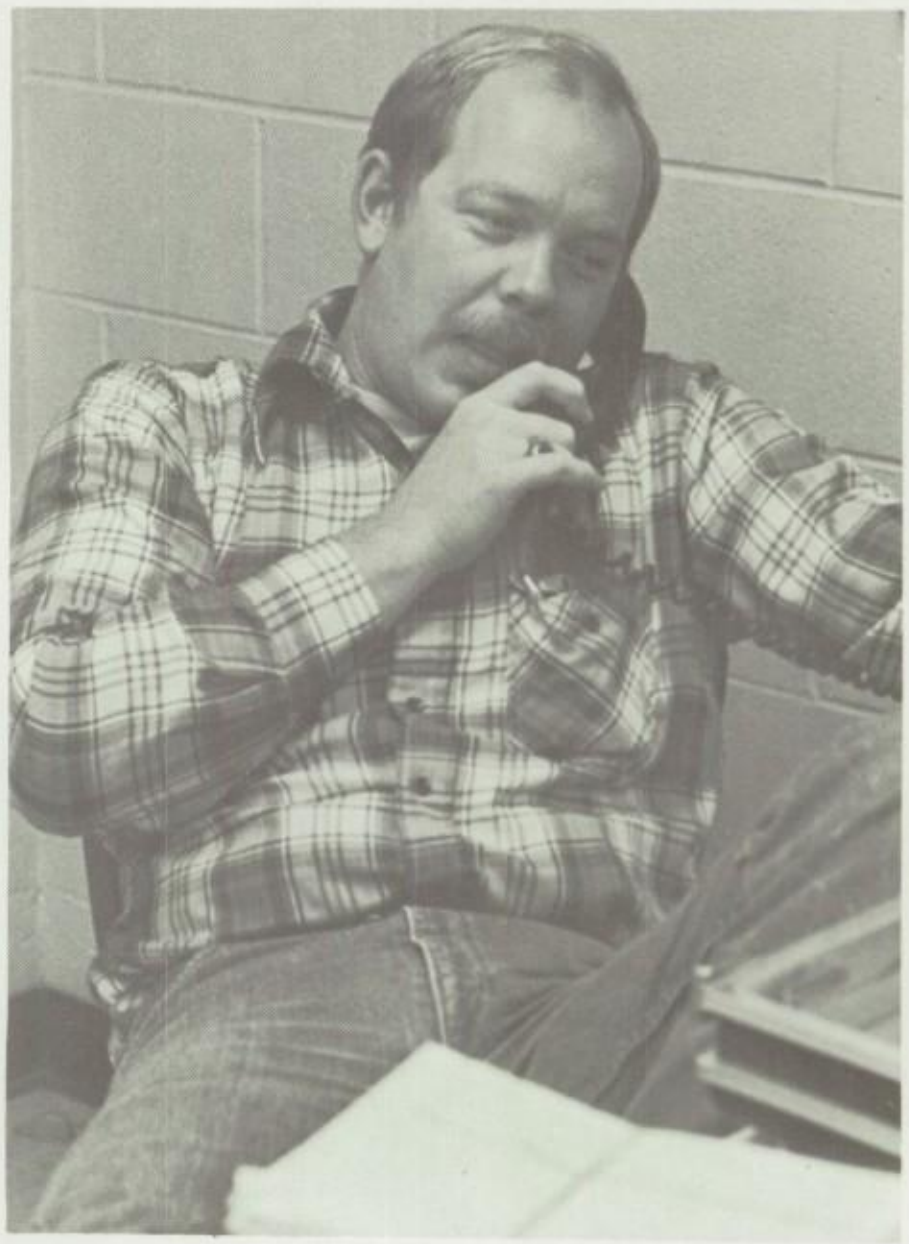


Northern's Finest

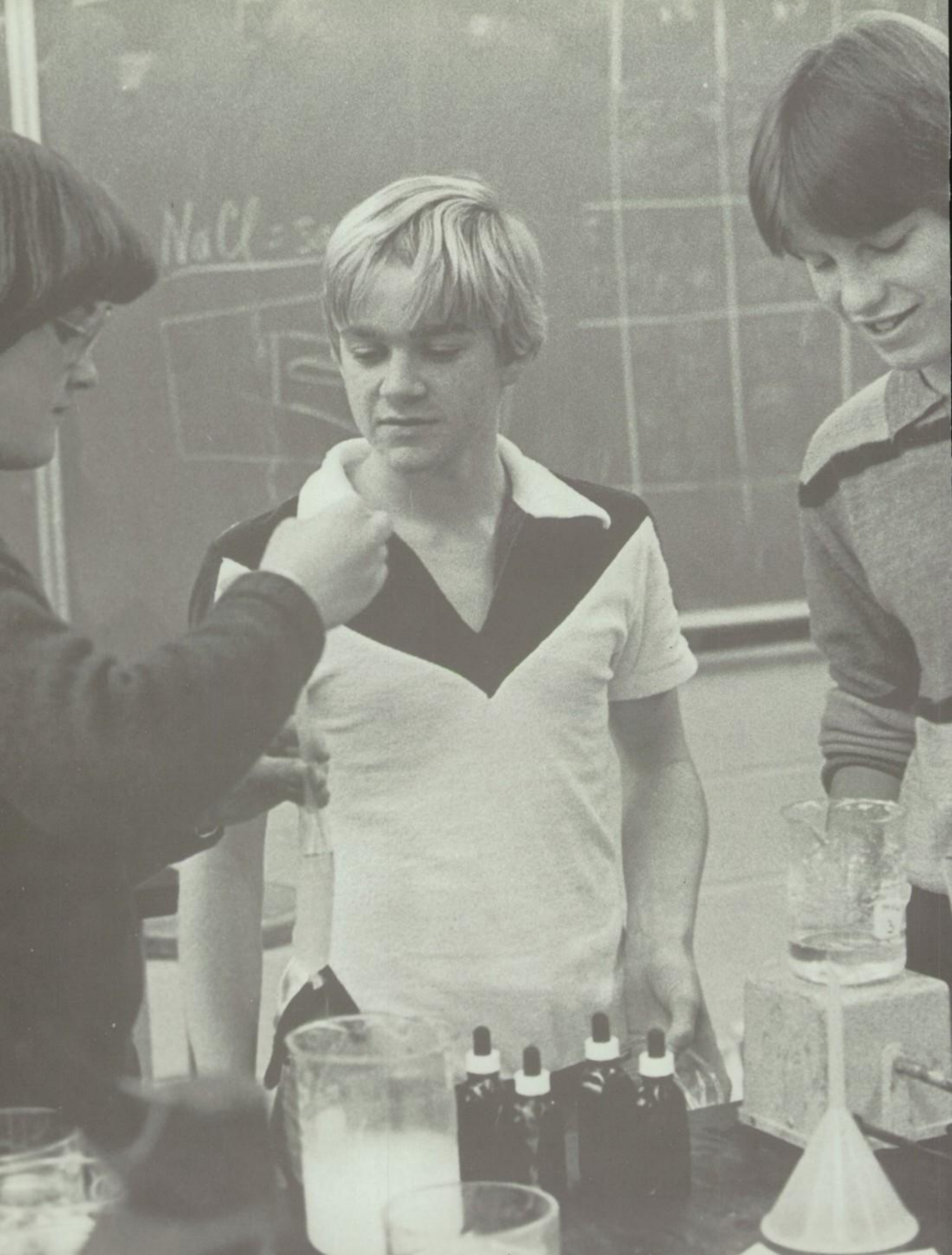


ABOVE: Grammar is made exciting by Mrs. Nancy Frank. LEFT: Trigonometry functions are explained by Mr. Jim Shunneson. BELOW LEFT: Final audio checks are made by Mr. Randy Seilheimer. BELOW: Techniques for printing are demonstrated by Mr. Don Dow.





ABOVE: Questions about a Co-op student are answered by Mr. Dick Delong. TOP: Biology experiments are hammered out by Mr. Bernie Foster and Lisa Schade. ABOVE LEFT: A hot lunch is enjoyed by Mr. John Polderman. LEFT: Halls are kept clean by Mrs. Mary Null.



ACADEMICS

English, Social Studies

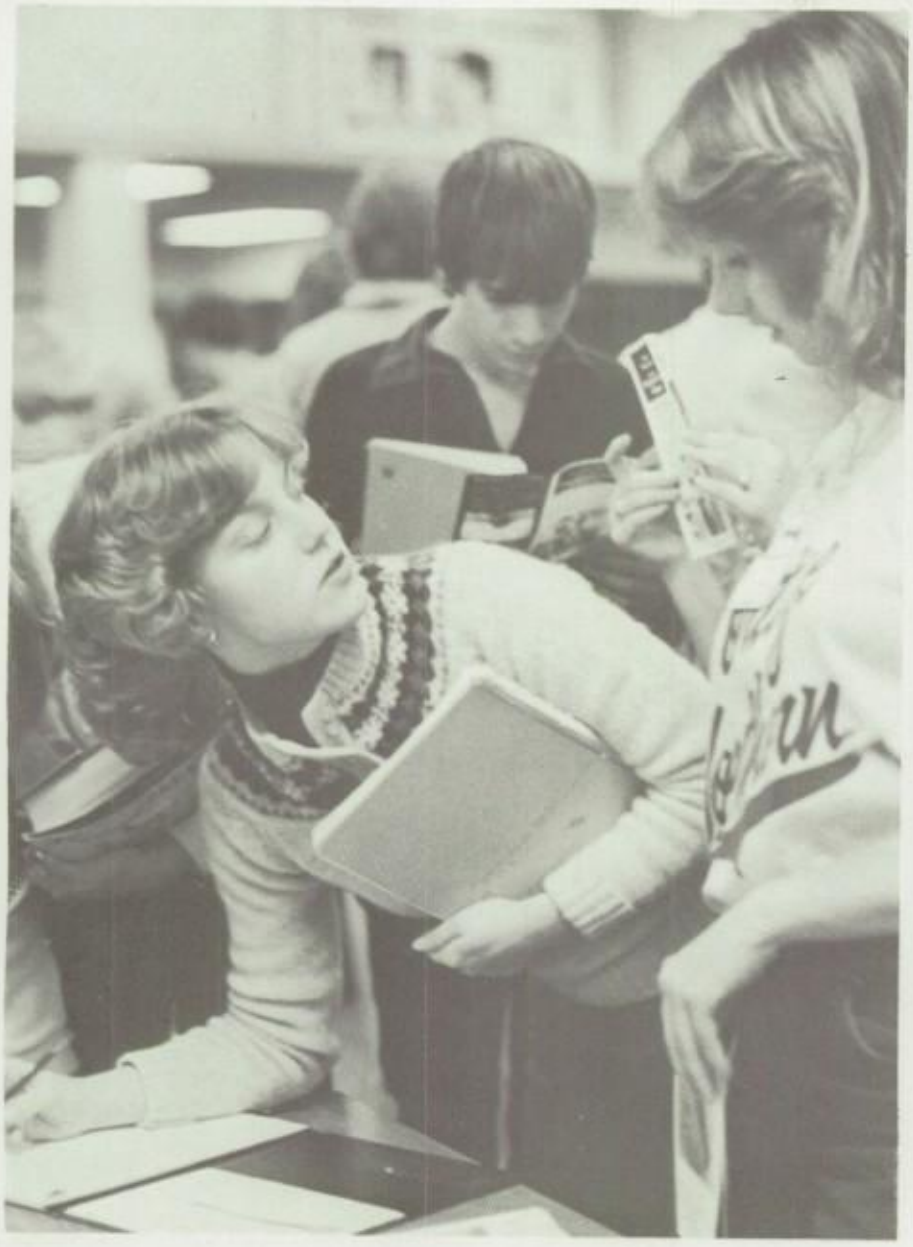
The noises of the second floor boomed throughout the school six hours a day, five days a week. At one end of the hall the screaming of Mr. Marshall Rutz could be heard, and at the other Mrs. Nancy Frank was telling another one

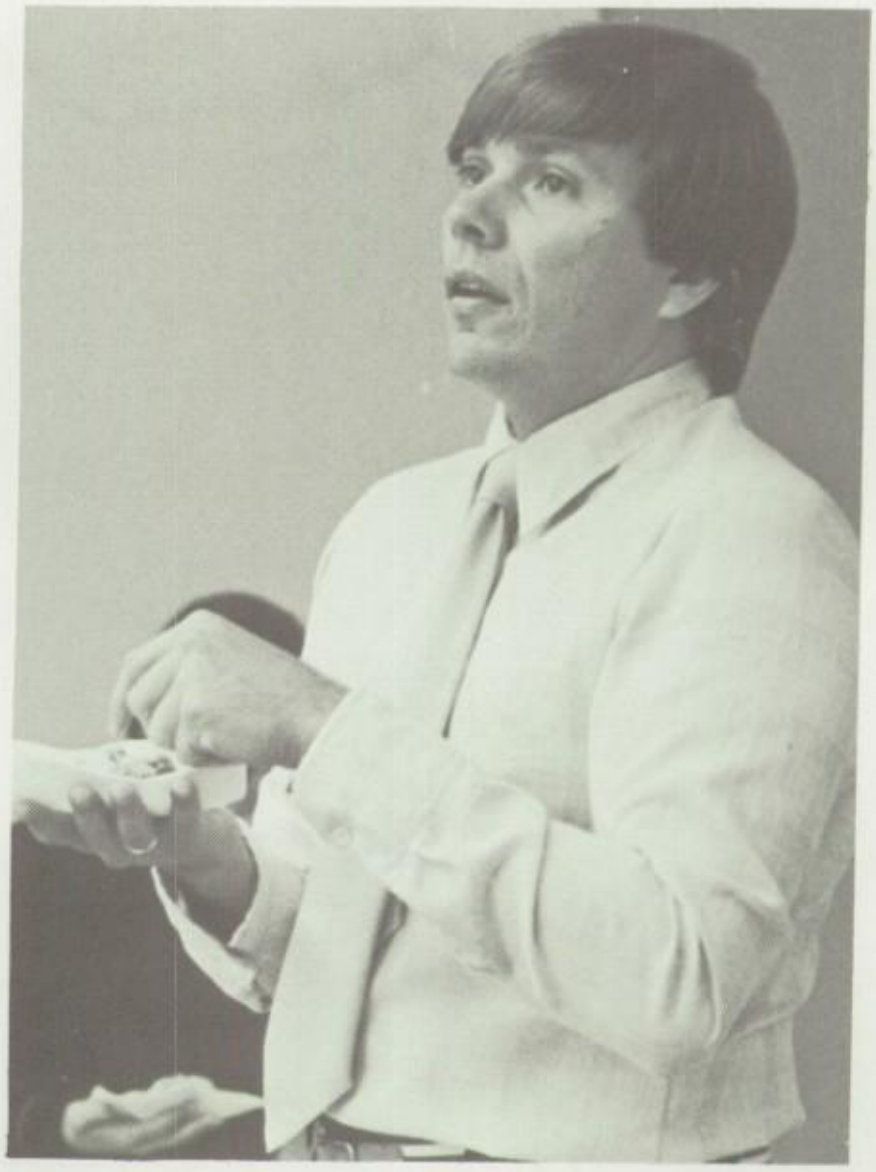
The English courses included English Literature to broadcasting, composition courses to forensics. The English department had many courses in which students could expand and develop their English interests.

The social studies courses brought a positive atmosphere to everyone. The classes of geography, sociology, psychology, and a tour of Michigan and the West provided new experiences for students. Both the English and social studies brought "new horizons".

TOP LEFT: Dressed in his Sunday best, Dave Rimawi does "his thing" for the class. ABOVE: A demonstration on how to walk is given by Ellen Jank e. TOP RIGHT: The creative writing class studies to be poets.

Stimulate Students

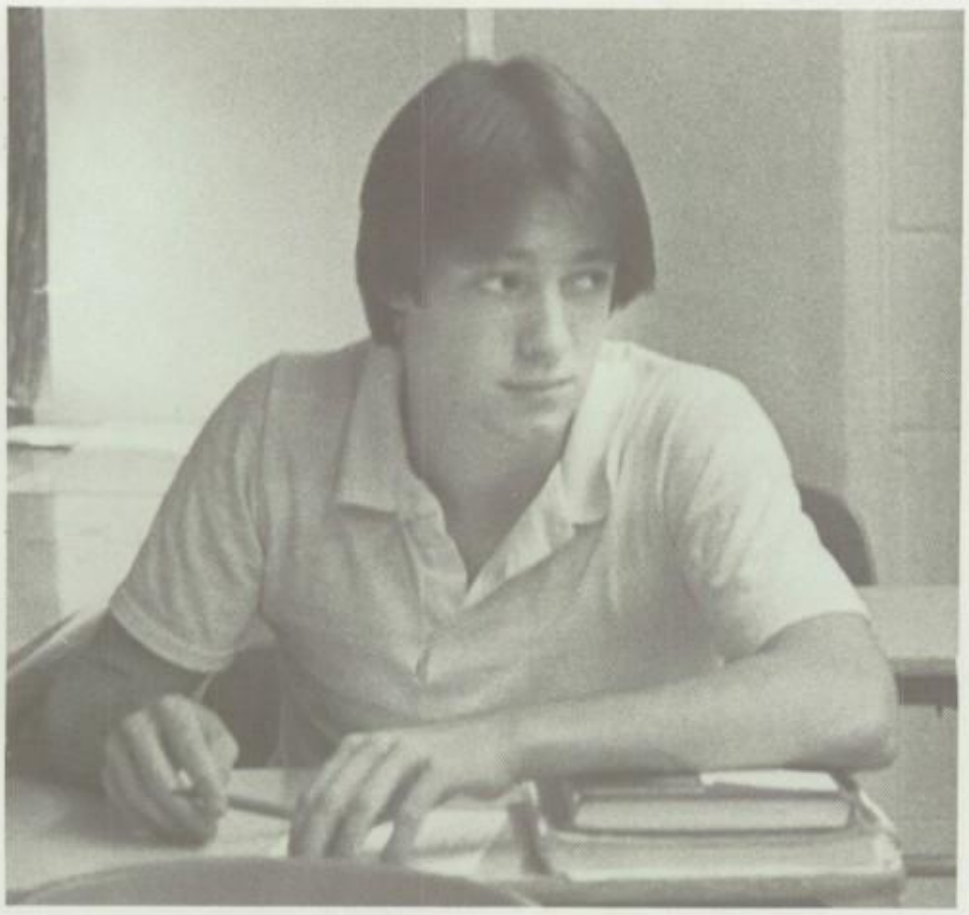




BELOW: Social Studies provides worldly learning for Northern's students. LEFT: Not able to vote yet, Dian Sokolowski and Kim Hunt support their favorite candidate by signing up for volunteer campaign work. ABOVE: "I just love this kind of assignment," says Mr. Rob Iciek as he samples a small morsel.

Math, Science Offer Numerous Opportunities

ABOVE: Chemistry experiments require much work, discovers Mark Hobbs. BELOW: As Mr. Jack Engels studies a rock, Dan Salgat works diligently on an assignment. ABOVE RIGHT: Taking a break from their work, Judy Hentschel and Kirsten Fisk enjoy a good joke. To make a quick check on grades, Dave Helm and Mr. Don Smith consult the gradebook.

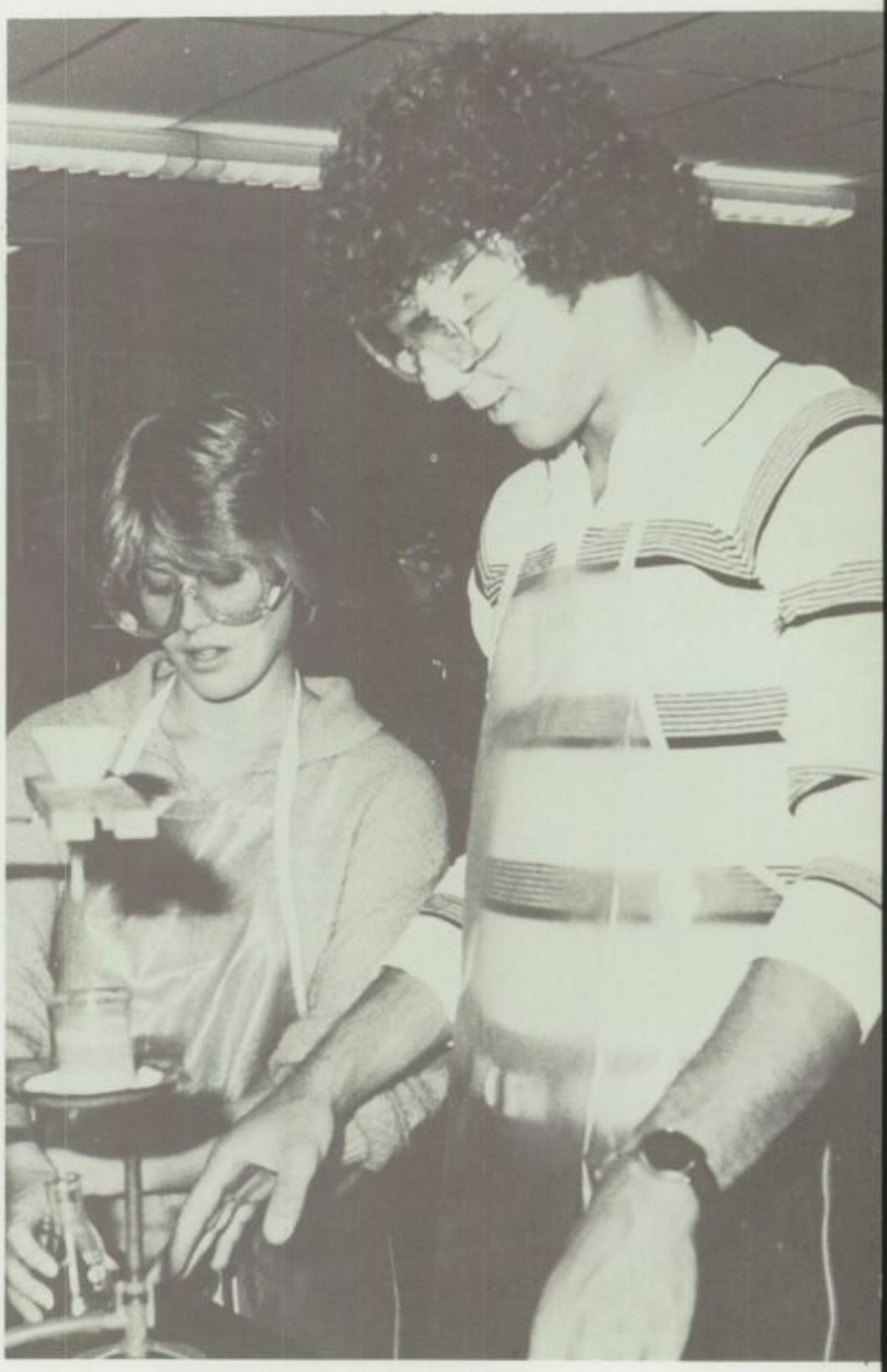


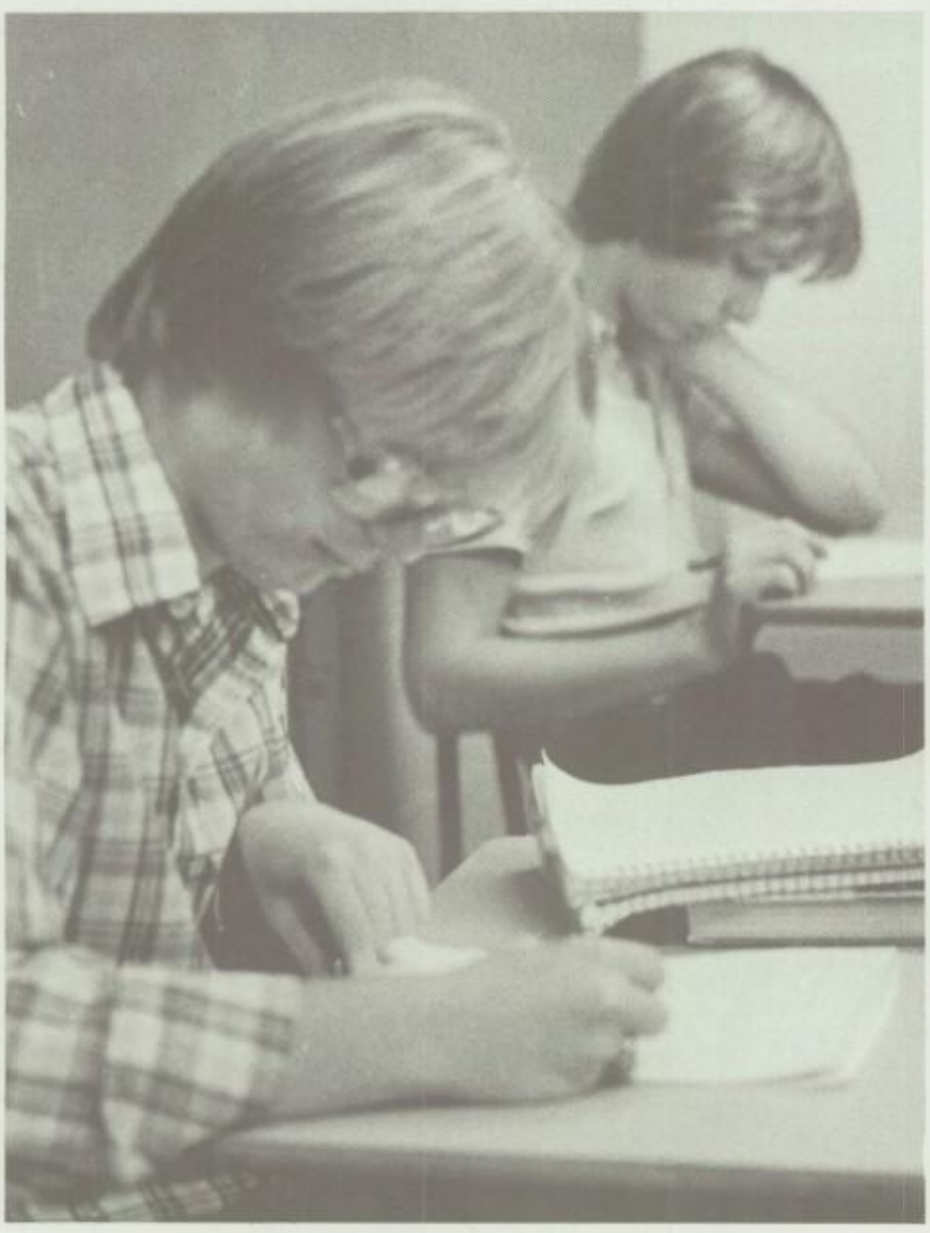
The more advanced the world has become in its technology, the more people have hungered for greater technology. As a result, there was a growing number of career opportunities in the fields of math and science. The math and science classes offered were not just geared toward students interested in basic knowledge or fulfilling graduation requirements.

The math classes offered ranged from geometry to introduction to calculus. Science courses ranged from physical science to physics, to senior science courses, such as inorganic chemistry and advanced biology.

Many students took advantage of these class options, gaining much knowledge and experience through the expertise of our faculty.

ABOVE: While taking a tough trigonometry quiz, Mike Bowman checks the time. BELOW: Concentration is a must for Tom Vander Bor and John Bauman in Mr. Hart's trig. class. BELOW RIGHT: Chemistry experiments are not difficult for Clark Brown and Deanne Bieberle.





ABOVE: In a splashing debut, Laurence Kozy, Melissa Prine, Laura Proos, Renee Szostek, Marie Scott perform a skit for the Spanish class. TOP RIGHT: The French class presents gifts to an expecting Mrs. Simonton. RIGHT: French students patiently wait to sample tiny morsels of food. BELOW: It takes hard work and much patience to master Latin.

Language Takes Students Into New Worlds

For some students getting up at six o'clock in the morning and preparing for school was a dreaded activity. But for those who liked the challenge of speaking another language it meant another day of exploring a different culture.

French, Spanish, Latin and German were the foreign languages to be chosen from. The students enjoyed such experiences as making and eating various foods from different regions of the world. Skits and other orals were also a part of the language curriculum.

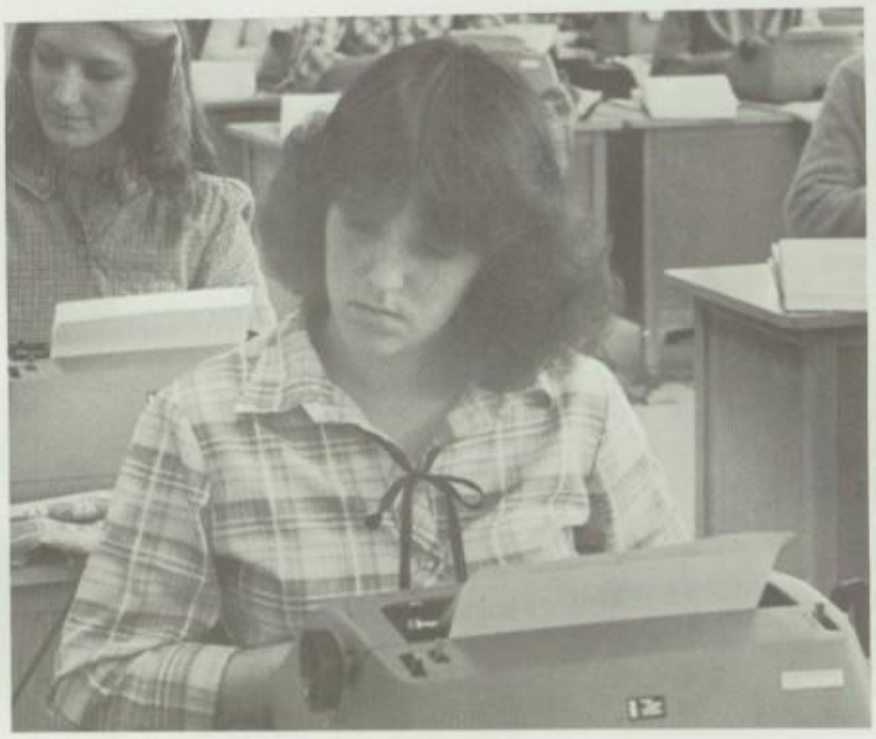
Students who participated in foreign language classes found it very rewarding. The various class activities undoubtedly made the foreign language class unlike that of any other.

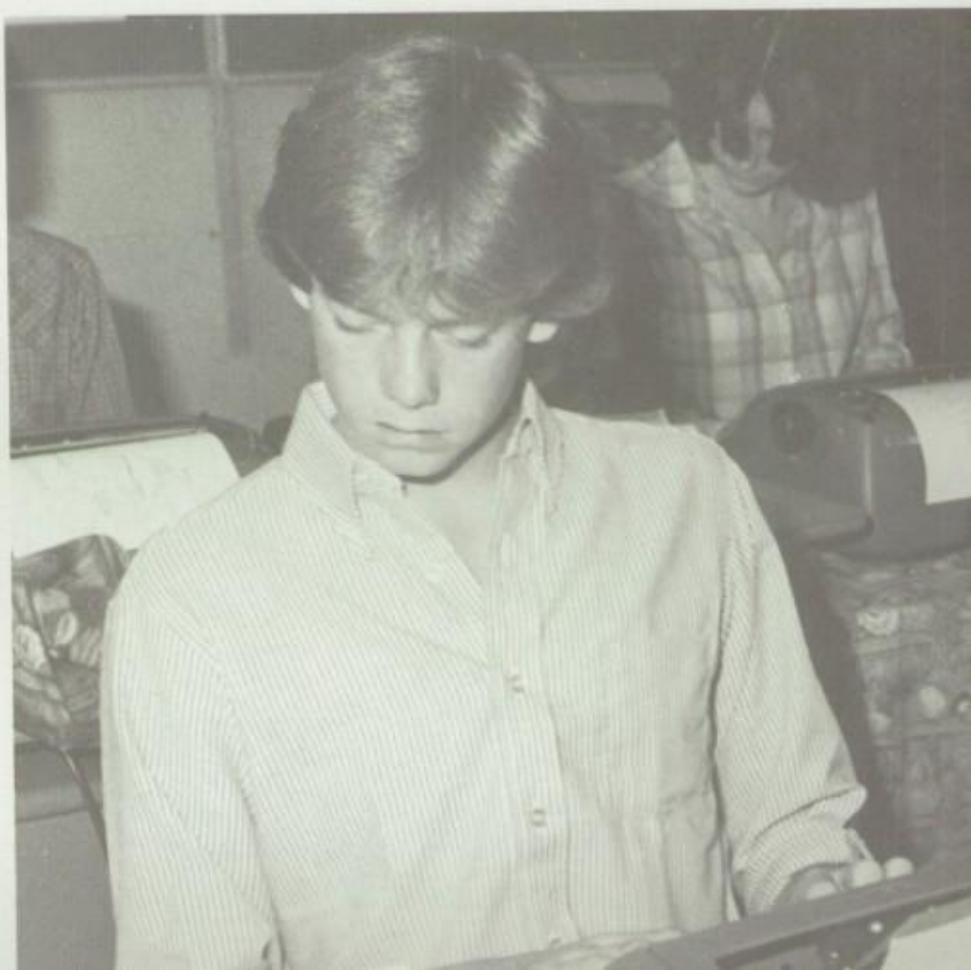
ABOVE: After eating, Jill Vredevelt and Matt Worline talk with much enthusiasm. BELOW: Orals are a major part of the German curriculum. RIGHT: Enjoying a good Spanish meal is Sheryl Blackburn.

The business department offered a wide selection of courses for both the novice and the serious business student. In typing, secretarial, distributive education, and computer programming, the students became familiar with new machines to be used both in college and in future careers.

Accounting, which attracted a large number of students every year, was expanded to include an advanced class.

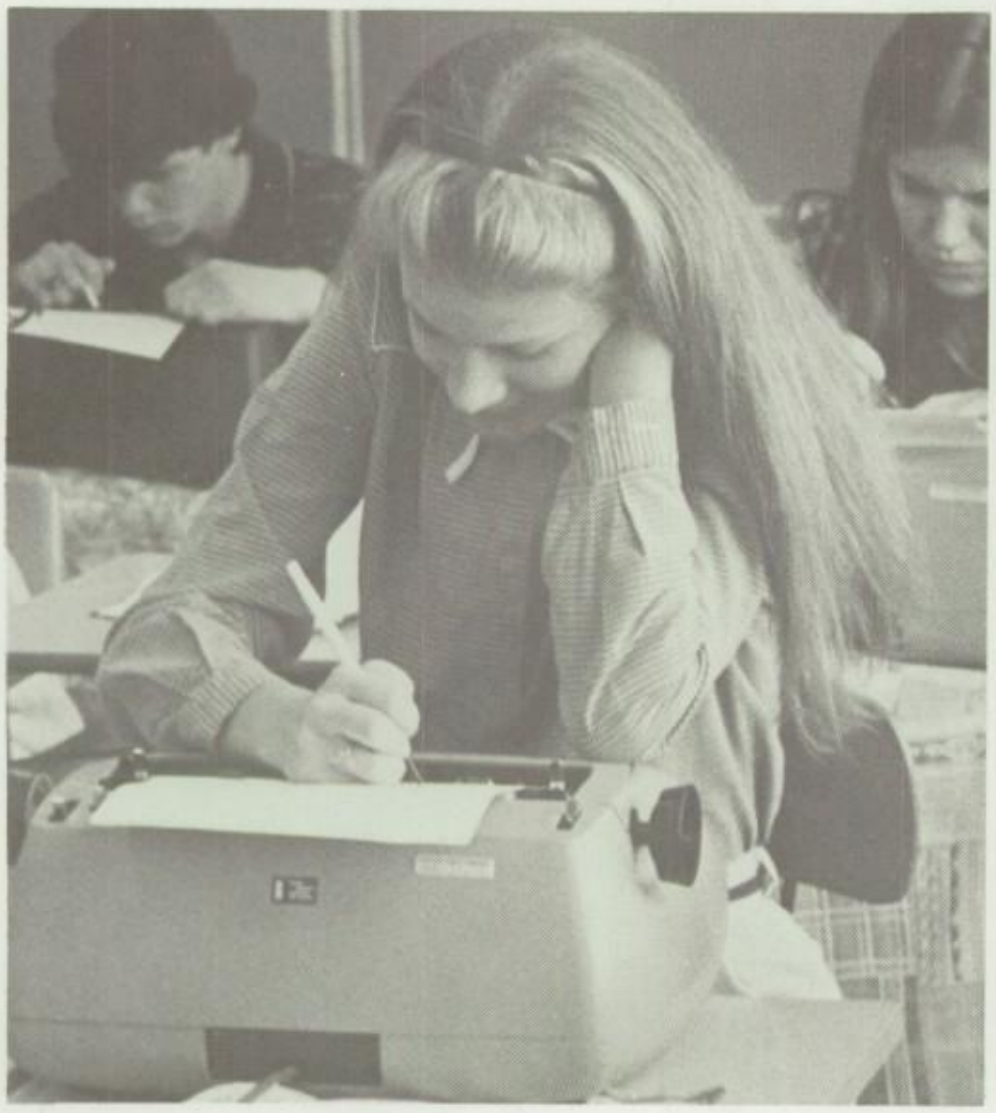
Because of the wide class selection available, the business department was a great help in introducing students to possible choices for future careers.

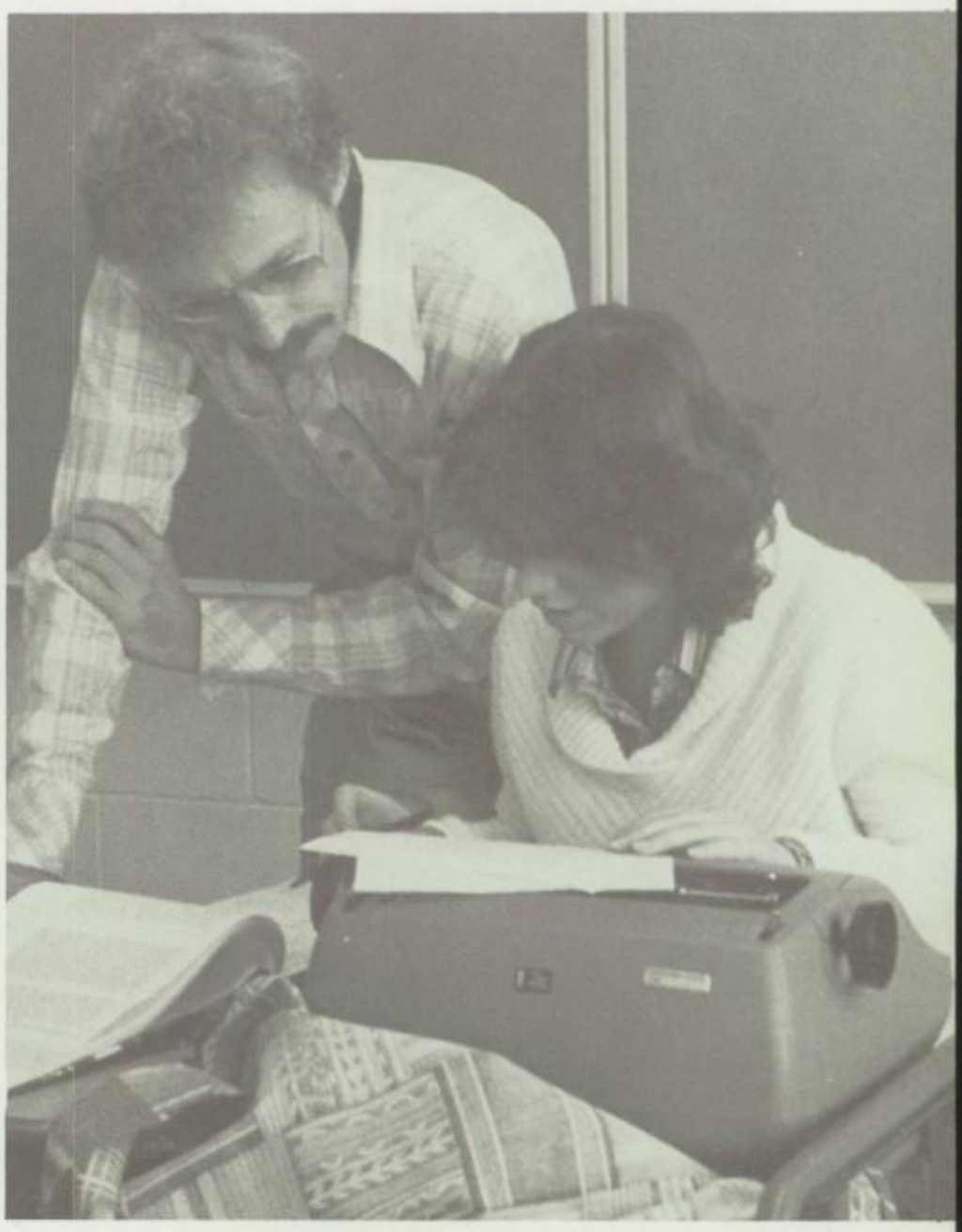




TOP: Typing class is a favorite among many Northern students. ABOVE: Stenoclerical lab is an important class to Danielle Cass. ABOVE RIGHT: Accuracy and speed are essential in typing, realizes Janet Stoneburner.

Business Brightens Students' Outlooks





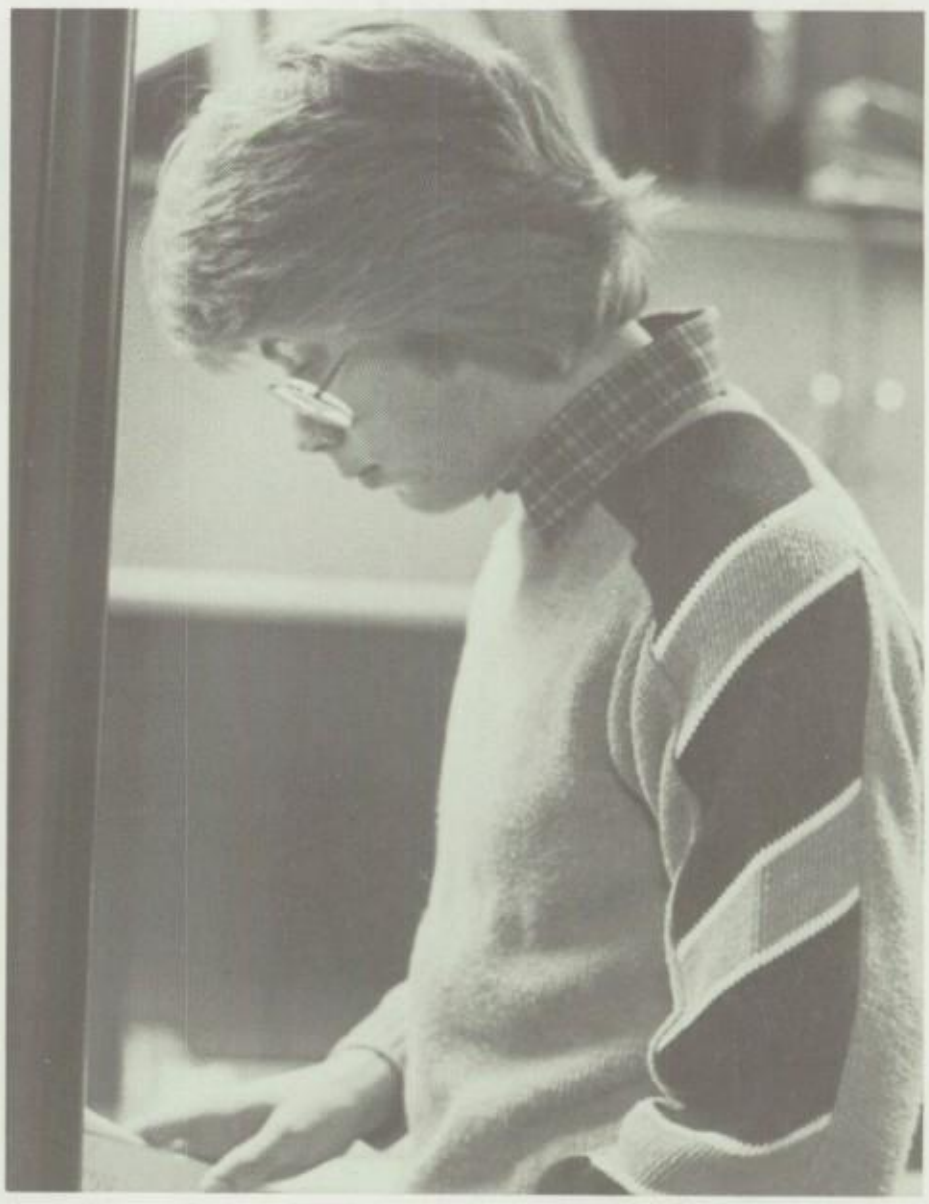
ABOVE: Carefully proofreading her typing drill for errors is Karen Smith. ABOVE RIGHT: There are always questions to be asked in typing, as illustrated by Mr. Dick Rossio and Angie Riesgraft. BELOW: Both Mark Plemmons and Chris Rae work hard to perfect their typing skills. BELOW RIGHT: Accounting class enables Shari Moeslein to gain experience in the world of business.

Co-op — Working for Experience

BELOW: Always busy, Tammy Moss enjoys her job at J.C Penney's. TOP RIGHT: A wardrobe check is conducted by D.J. Deal. BOTTOM RIGHT: To keep things looking good Becky Haymaker polishes assorted items. ABOVE: Always on her feet, Tammy Gilliam labors.

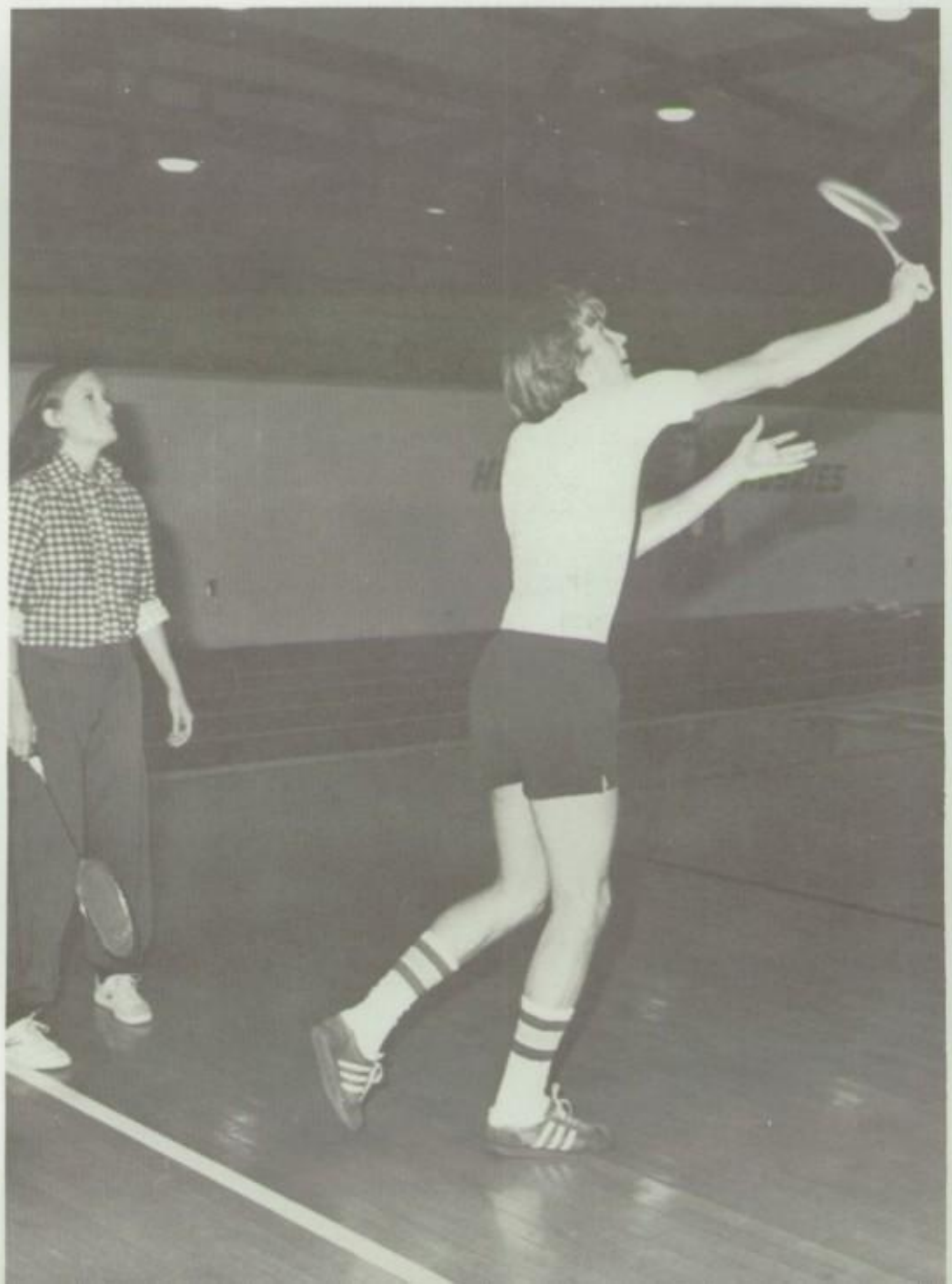
Hard work and determination on the students' part helped make Co-op a beneficial program. Co-op provided a chance for students to gain valuable experiences, not to mention the advantage of a pay check to help with expenses.

Students from all three grades held part-time jobs during and after school. The jobs varied, ranging from fast food chains to distinquished law firms. Generally, for every student in search of employment there was a job to be had, despite the condition of the economy. For those who did have trouble finding work, the Co-op coordinators proved very useful. Always willing to provide students with employment, these fine coordinators were Mr. Dick Delong and Mrs. Connie Jones, along with Mr. Ara Mosher.



TOP: Outdoor work at Romence Gardens is what Chris Jordan enjoys. LEFT: For Lisa Hahn, a secretary's job is never done. MIDDLE: Bikes at New World Bicycles are in excellent hands with Mike Grimmer. ABOVE: Work at an attorney's office keeps Greg Frisinger occupied.

Phys. Ed. Offers Variety

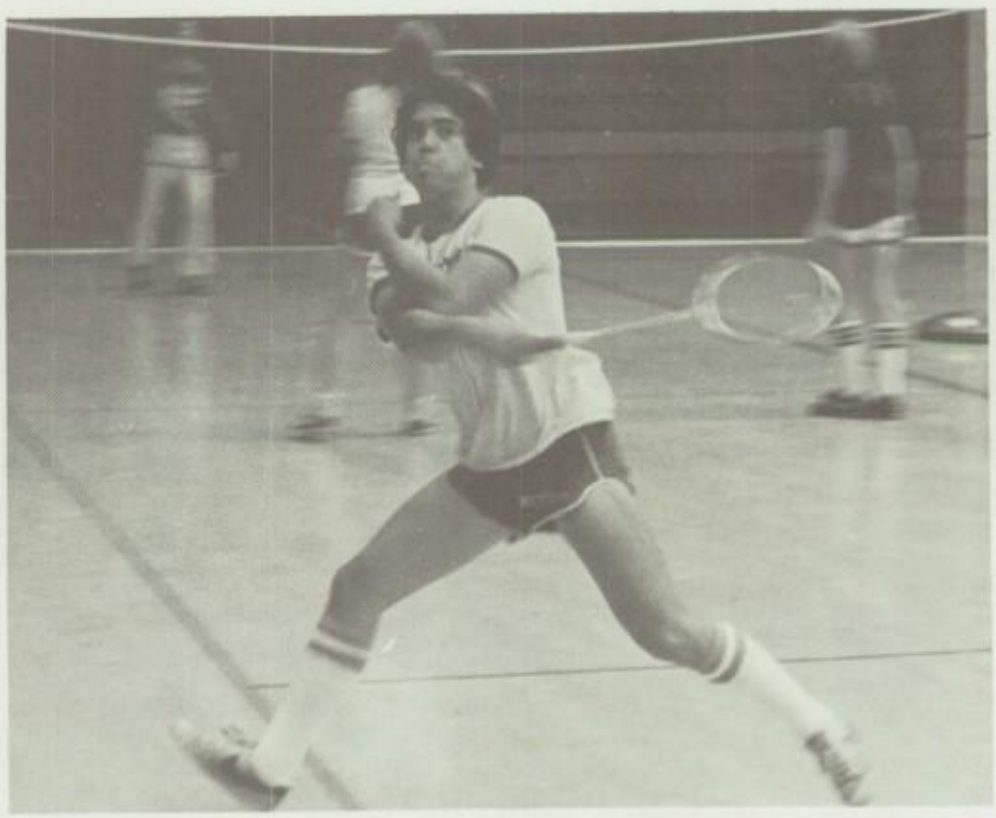


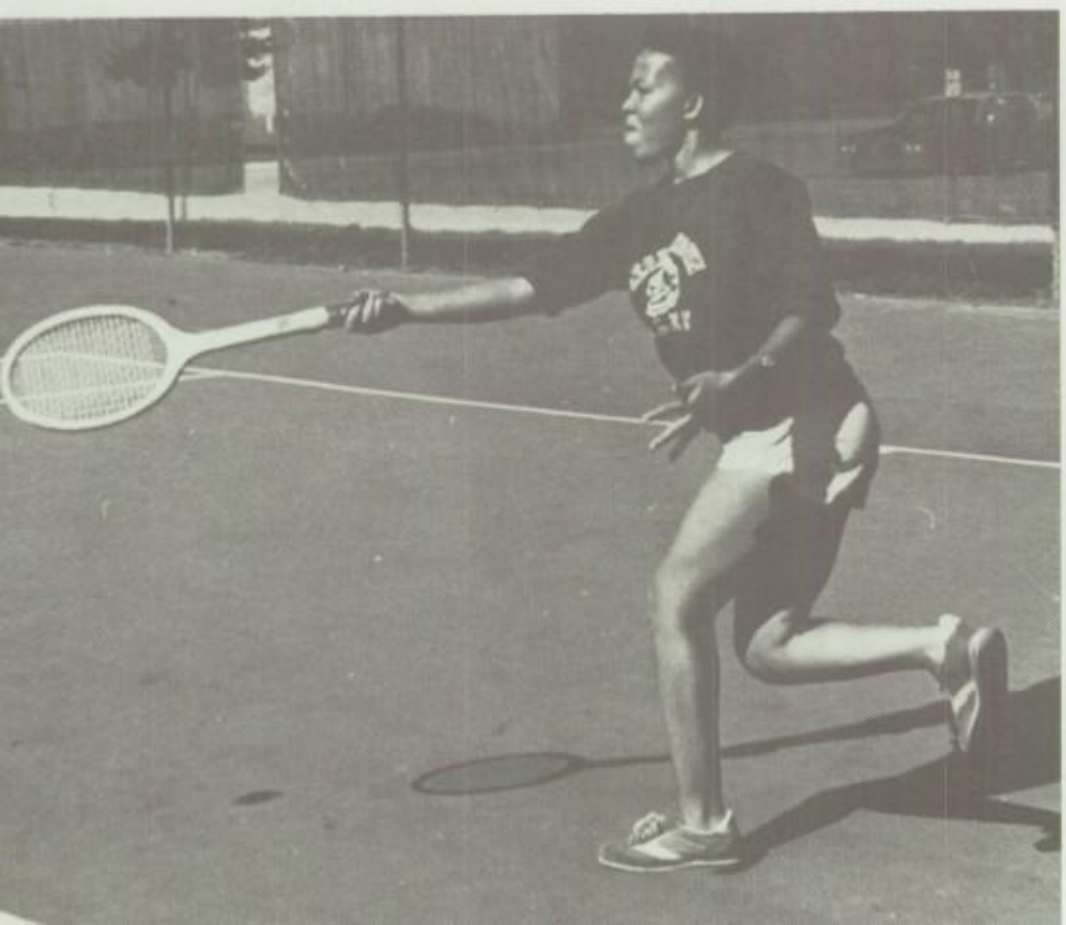
TOP LEFT: Students exert themselves running. TOP RIGHT: The balance beam and Erica Kirsch go hand in hand in hand. ABOVE: With a good dismount Erin Fitzgerald finishes her routine on the parallel bars. Backed by Carey Beherns, John VanDine tries for a high backhand. OPPOSITE TOP: A fast break by Jackie Guild enables her to get by Lynita Schultz. OPPOSITE MIDDLE: Fast feet help Steve Ira make a save. OPPOSITE BOTTOM LEFT: Tennis has a new superstar, Vivian Kizer. OPPOSITE BOTTOM RIGHT: In preparation for the next hour, Mr. Jack Magelssen checks badminton rackets.

As well as helping meet credit requirements, phys. ed. also allowed students to release aggressions in a different way. It aided the majority of sophomores who took the course in becoming acquainted with fellow students.

The phys. ed. curriculum included participation in various team sports, such as soccer, basketball, and tennis, as well as individual activities. One of the favorite activities was a unit on modern dance, which enabled students to enjoy an active social life.

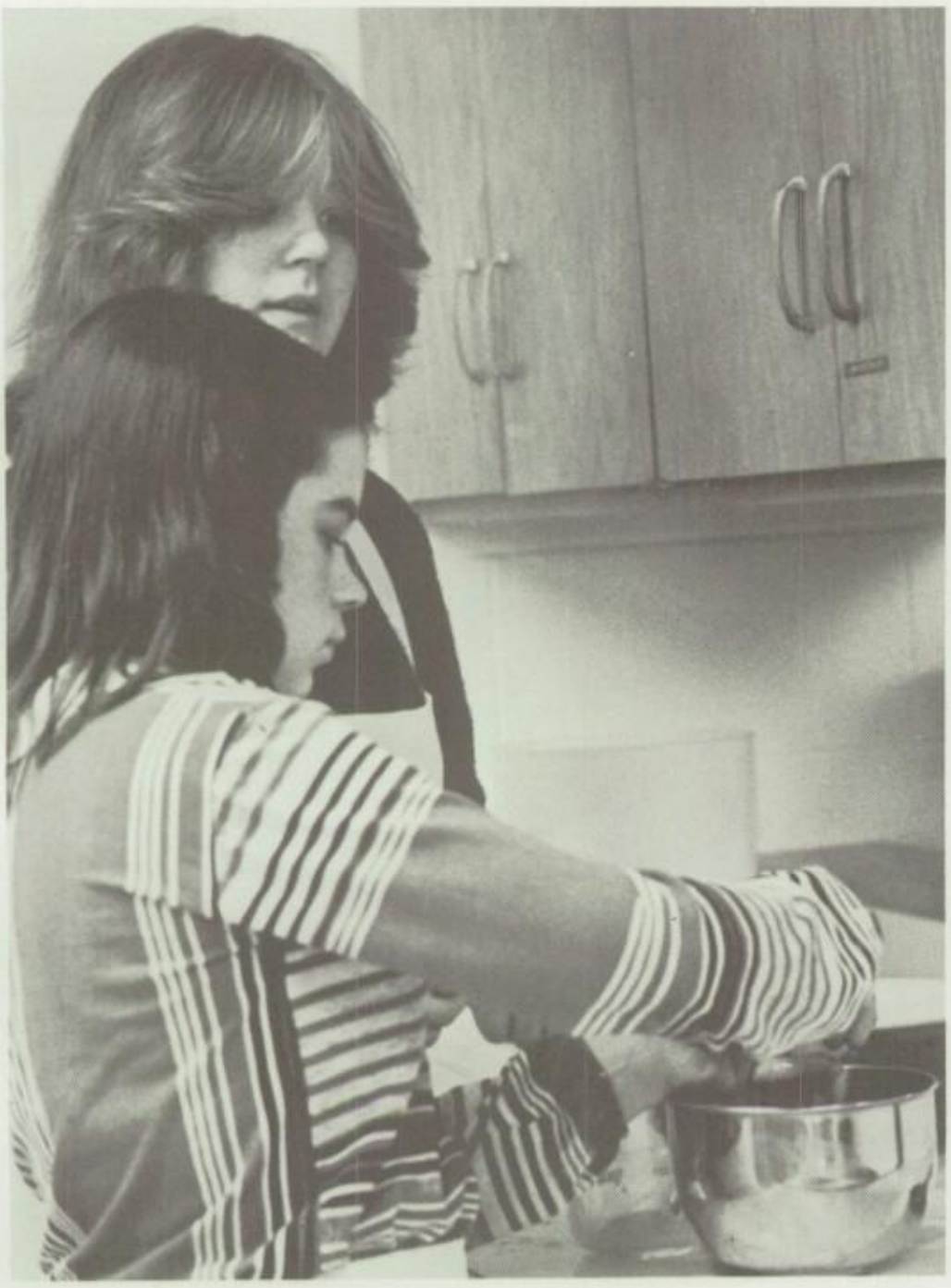
Although phys. ed. was a requirement, it was enjoyed by many students.





Home Ec Whips Up Fun

ABOVE: With Mrs. Betty Wolbers to help, Dawn Bowden and Sandy Olsen find arranging flowers easy. BELOW LEFT: Child care is enjoyed by Kim Stafford. RIGHT: Not many people enjoy eating their assignments but Tisy Gonzalez does when she's in food service.



Child care, cooking, and sewing were a major part of the home economics curriculum but several innovative approaches were added.

A feature attraction for child care was a day care center for the children of working mothers in the community. Having a fashion show was a wonderful way for jiffy sewing students to show off their achievements. Interior decorating students could be seen delivering bouquets of flowers to their teachers. Food service classes taught food preparation for large groups as well as the individual. Family issues, taken by many students, was designed to help students in the confrontation of future relationships.

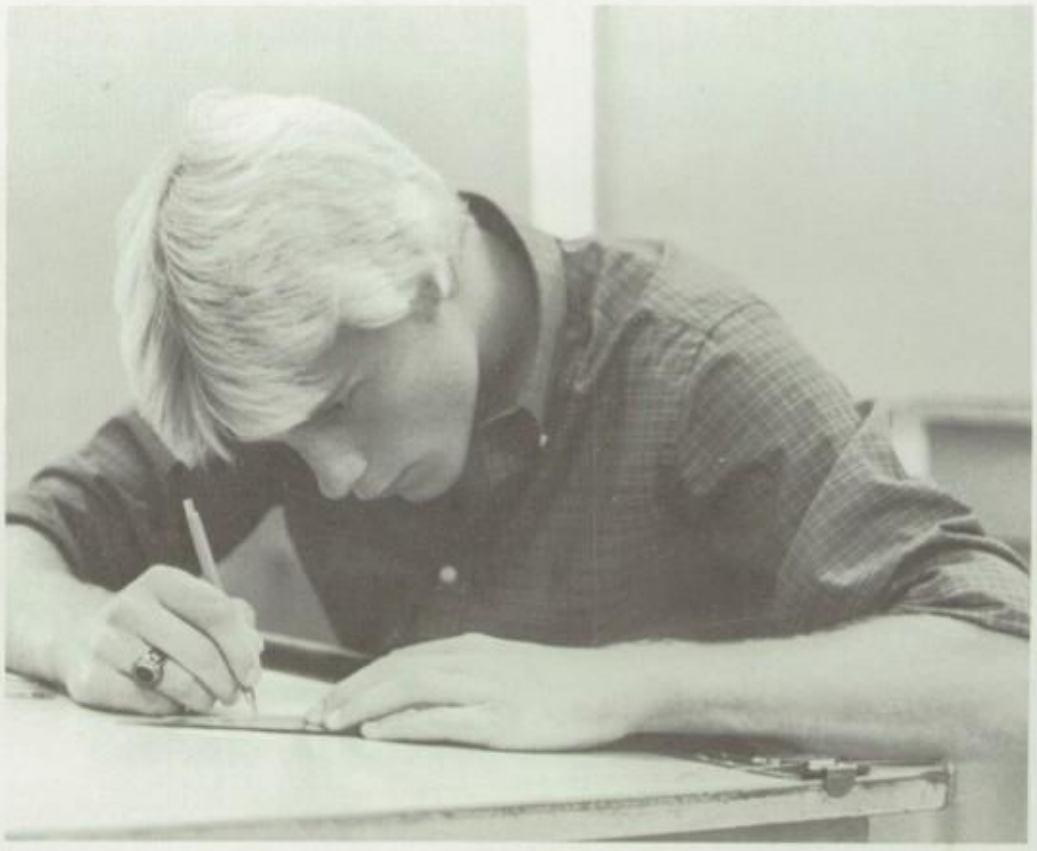
Home ec. provided much enjoyment for students but more importantly it provided beneficial knowledge. With such preparation it is no wonder Northern students have prospered.

TOP LEFT: Practice makes perfect, believe Missy Atkins and Sherrie Kroll. LEFT: Everything is going to be okay, consoles Terri Hillard. ABOVE: Concentration while sewing is a must for Pam Berndt.

Industrial Arts was a class designed to aid students in the construction of their futures. As well as learning something beneficial, students were able to enjoy themselves.

If students were interested in learning how to operate a lathe, repair an auto or even build a house, industrial arts was an area of study to be checked into. Other class choices were welding and metal working.

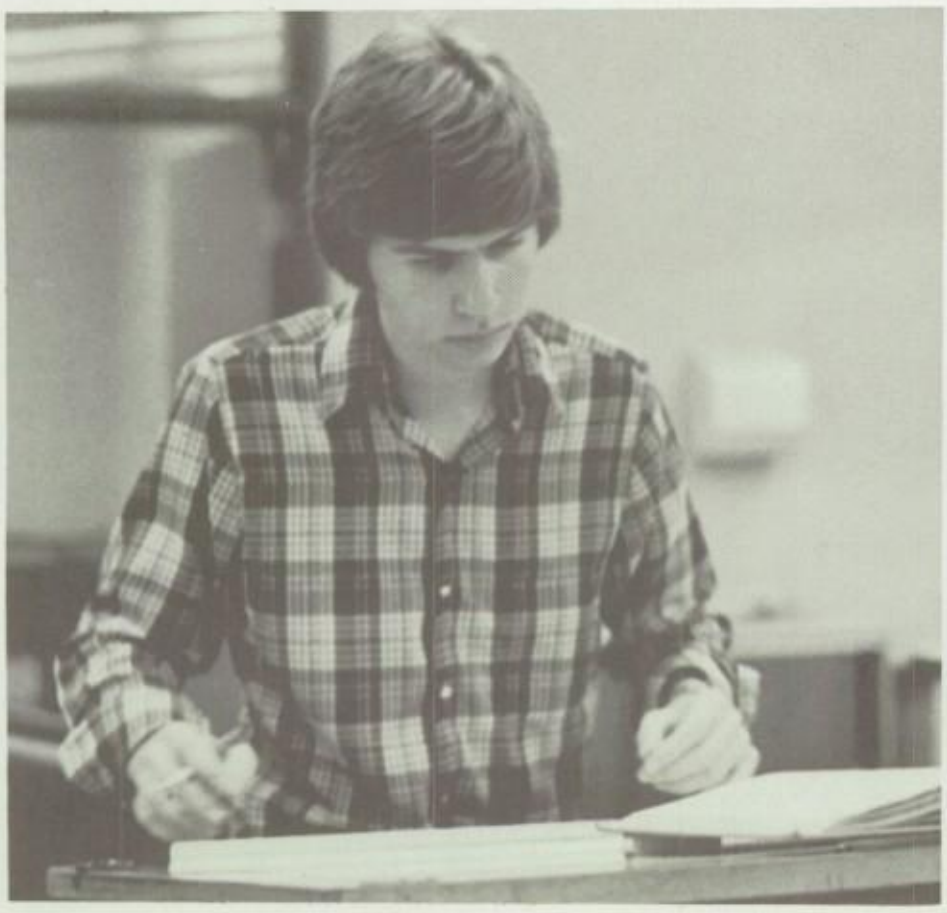
Though traditionally thought of as a department for males, industrial arts was chosen by several girls who proved to be equal to the boys and sometimes superior. However, male or female, industrial arts aided students in choosing their careers.



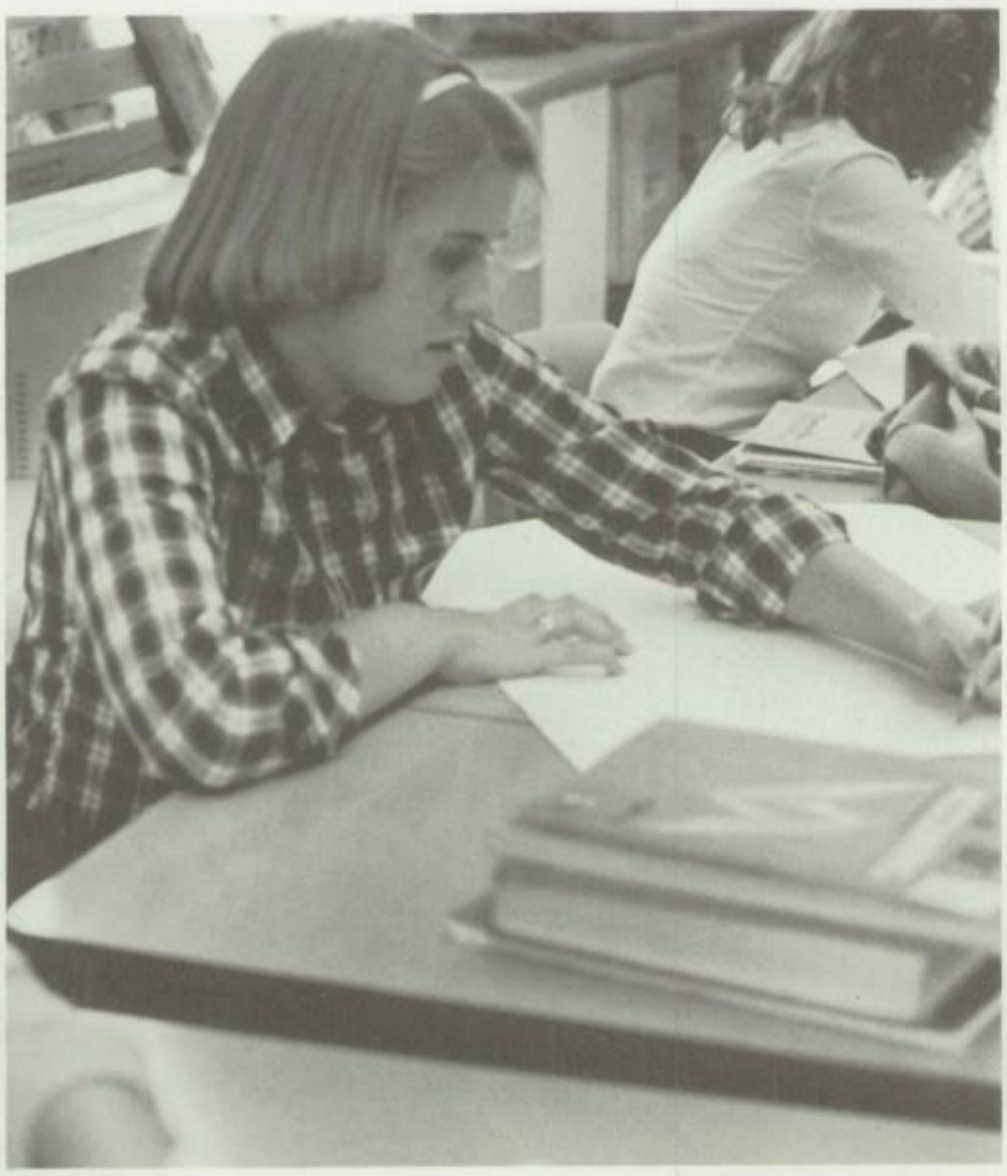
ABOVE: Precision is a key factor in Wayne Anderson's work. BELOW. Expertise work on Rich Secondi's muffler is a must for his car. BOTTOM: The perfect cut is what Rick Shane is striving for here. LEFT: A tune up is cheaper when Tony Mac does it himself or with the help of a friend.

Industrial Art Building for Years to Come

ABOVE: With proper equipment Derek Durham changes a tire quite easily. BELOW: Architectural drawing takes a steady hand and a sharp eye as John Walsh demonstrates. RIGHT: The weekly inspection of the tools is important to Mr. James Decker. BOTTOM RIGHT: The beveled edge has to be just right for Mike Eley



Art Offers Self – expression



What would life have been like without art? How would Northerners have expressed their talents? More graffiti on the bathroom walls? Students wouldn't have known what to do if they hadn't been offered hours to be creative.

Although art classes were usually thought of as "off" hours there was plenty of hard work and planning put into the creating of projects. With classes that ranged from painting and drawing to cermaics and crafts, it was no wonder that the art students were kept busy.

Being helpful and inspirational as always, Mr. Don Bonevich and Miss Mary Gave were often a great help to students when they expressed originality and creativity in their work.

TOP LEFT: A steady hand is Lisa Loudermelt's secret to a good drawing. LEFT: To get proportions right, Chris Gochanour studies her picture. ABOVE: To achieve balance, Pam Berndt adds a tree to her painting.

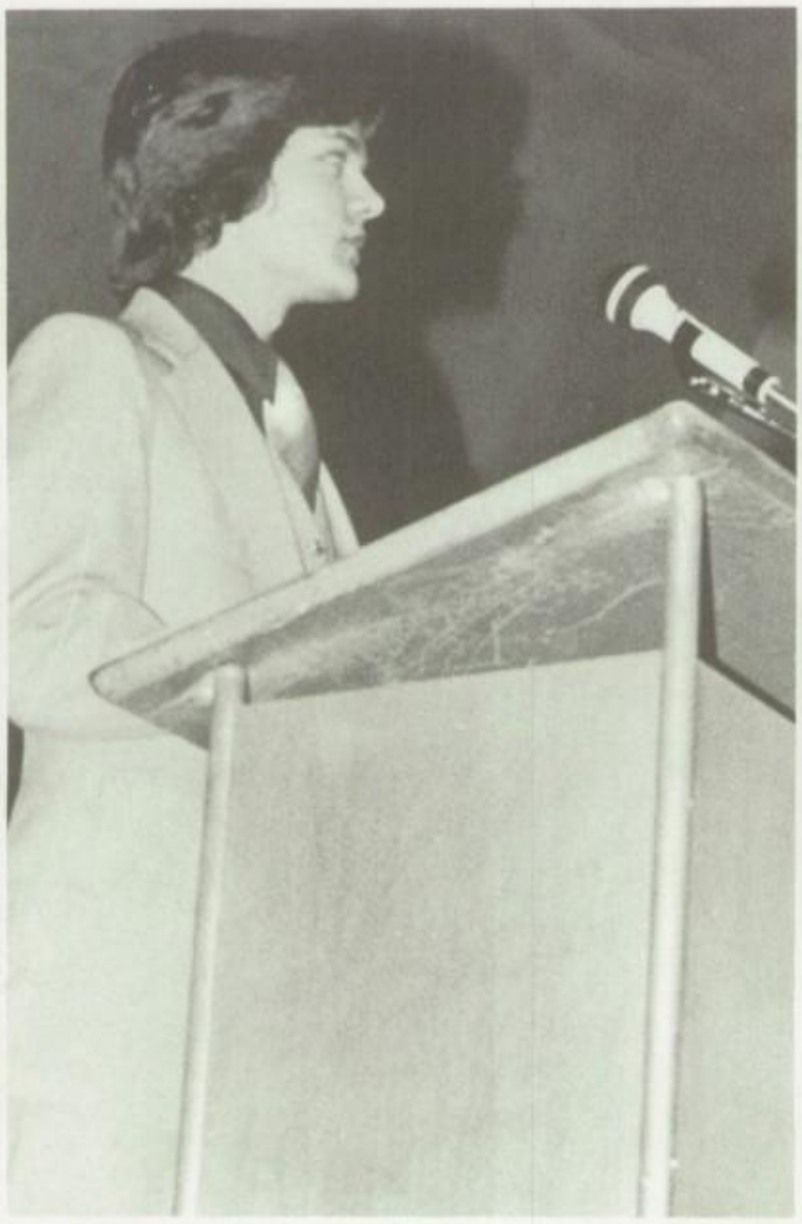
ABOVE: With the potter's wheel, Mr. Bonevich helps Linda Asken form a pot. LEFT: As Scott MacRitchie shapes his bowl Kris Carlson watches and adds helpful hints. BOTTOM LEFT: As Tara Hodapp sands a bowl, Diane Sokolowski builds a coil pot. BELOW:: Mary Johnston finishes carving a bowl.

GAN

Mina,
Um glad I got to meet you last year. We had alot last year its too bad weve lost touch a little. I hope this summer we can get together and do some fun stuff. Like riding around your neighborood beping the horn. I hope youll write when you go to college, your a super sweet and neat person Lots of love Sherri

ORGANIZATIONS

Democracy Starts Here



ABOVE LEFT: A winning presidential speech is given by John Arundel. ABOVE RIGHT: Cowboy Marshall Rutz preps Huskie fans for the Portage Central football game. BELOW RIGHT: Many Northern students generously devoted a Saturday morning to the March of Dimes Breadlift. BELOW: A part of Senate is letting students know what is going on, as is happily illustrated by Annie Allgyer.

The job of our Senate was to discuss and take action on issues of importance to the student body. Often the job was tedious and time consuming but its satisfactory completion was a gratifying reward.

Headed by the Senate, the March of Dimes Breadlift was once again a smashing success. The Senate also proved effective in working with the administration and obtaining a pop machine, as well as being able to maintain a balance in the vandalism fund, a task not very easy to accomplish. With these achievements Senate proved successful.

Student participation from the student body was at an all time high, another goal reached by the Senate. Through the Senate, Portage Northerners were able to profit.

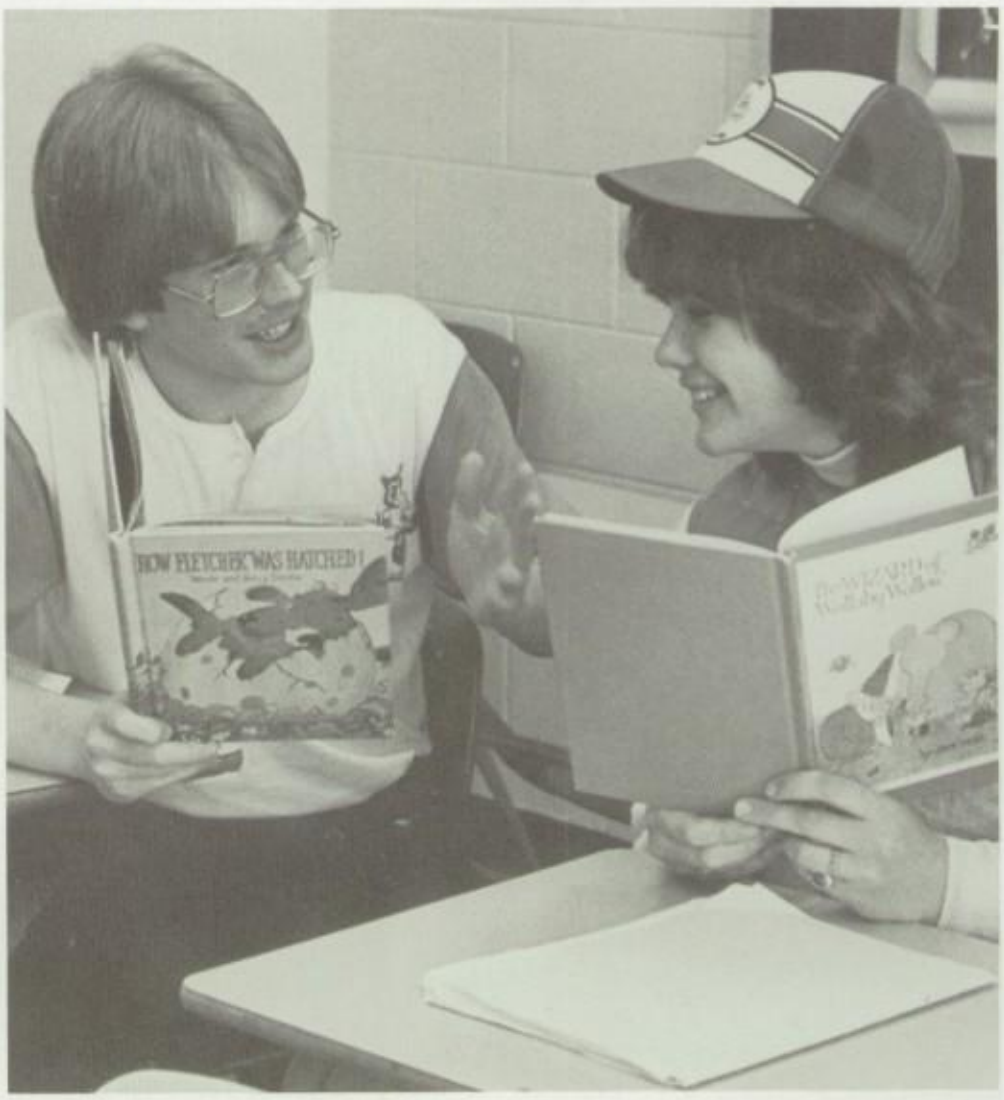
TOP LEFT: Much concern is shown as Mike McCarthy talks with the March of Dimes Poster Child. LEFT: President Carter is the best candidate according to Lori Deem, Mary Drehobl, and Nancy Adkins. ABOVE: "Doesn't everyone bugle for their favorite candidate?" asks Brock VanderVeen. BOTTOM: While on a breadlift break, Jim Davoust grabs a bite to build up energy for the next round.

Debate, Forensics Encourage

Students interested in the art of presenting ideas and entertaining through speech found wonderful opportunities in debate and forensics. These courses offered not only instruction in speaking, but also offered students opportunities to use their skills in various competition.

In preparing for debates, students painstakingly researched their respective subjects and rehearsed their arguments by themselves and in groups. Forensic students either chose material or wrote their own for the many fine speeches they presented. Hours of work and "fine tuning" went into a student's presentations.

Under the guidance of Mr. Jim Menchinger, a whole new world of communication and expression was opened to students taking an interest in learning the best ways to get their ideas across.

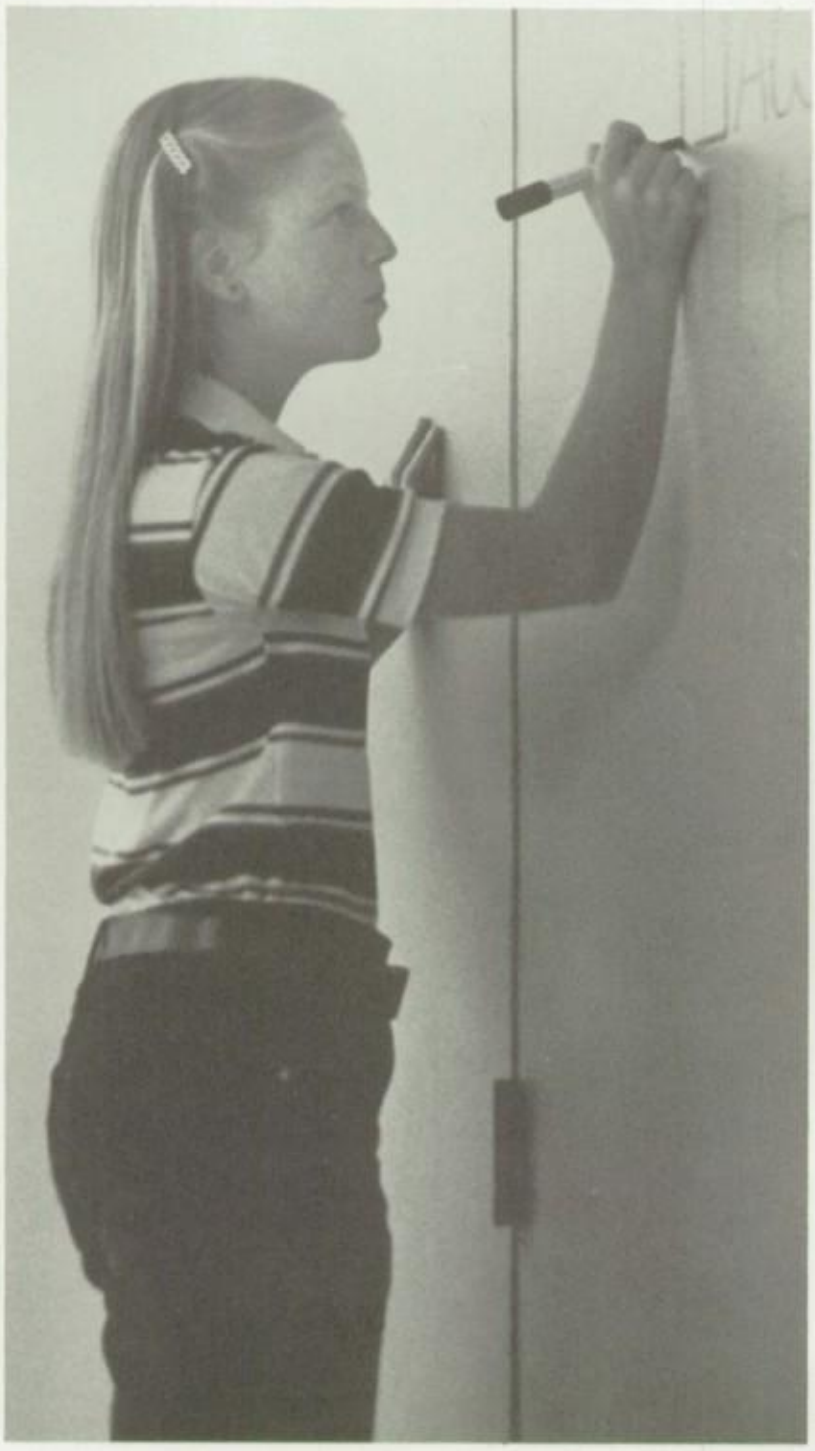


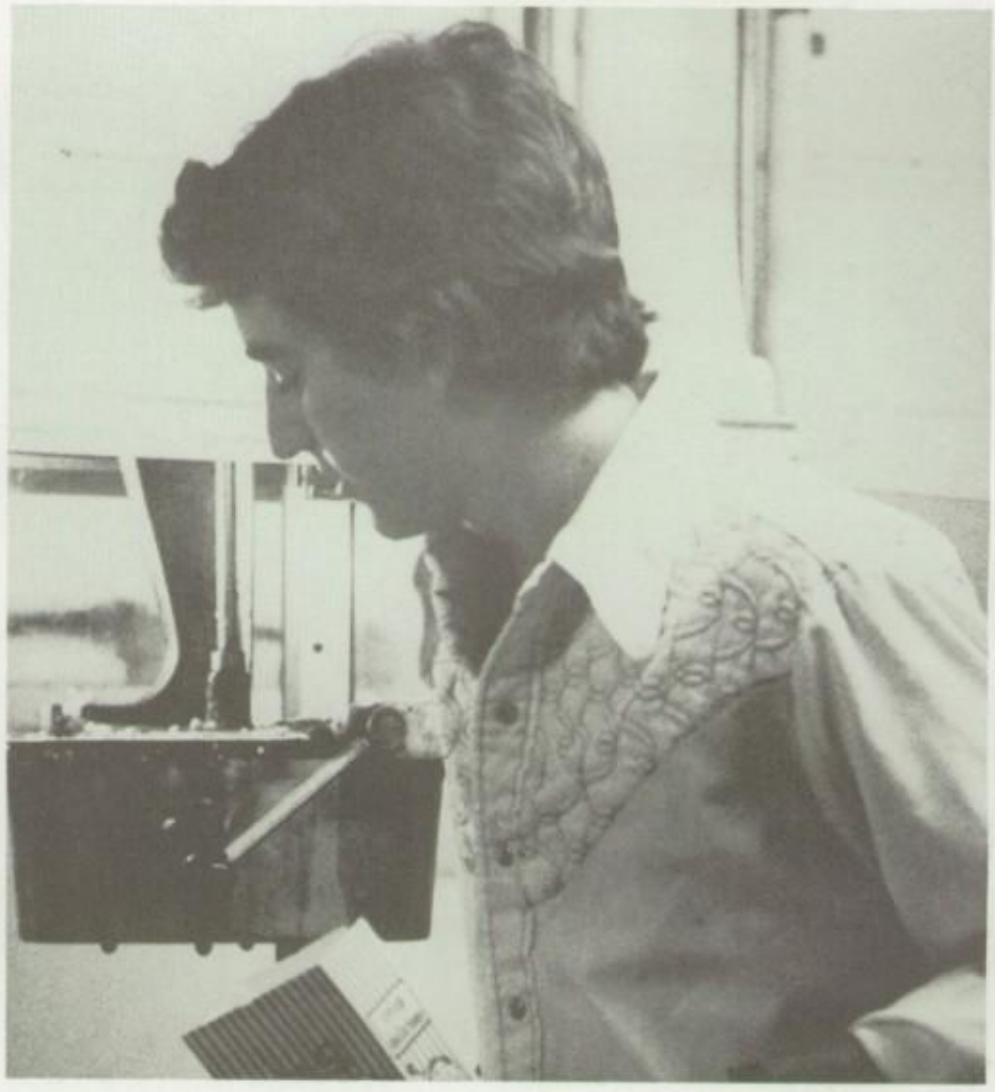
ABOVE: A moment of time is taken by Mike and Erin Fitzgerald to discuss the day's events. BELOW LEFT: A lecture is practiced by Dave Smeadstead in front of his class. BELOW: Good friends, Dave Rimawi and Maria Suarez, listen to a classmate deliver a speech.

Creative Minds

TOP LEFT: Forensics students pay close attention to a stimulation lecture. LEFT CENTER: Assisted by Amy Moniz, Mr. Menchinger evaluated a speaker. ABOVE: Master debater Brian Snell delivers yet another invigorating speech. BELOW LEFT: Students Sri Shandran and Phong Lee talk about plans for a stand up routine. BELOW: In search of the proper phrasing is Teresa Assenzo.

Northern Light Staff Keeps Busy



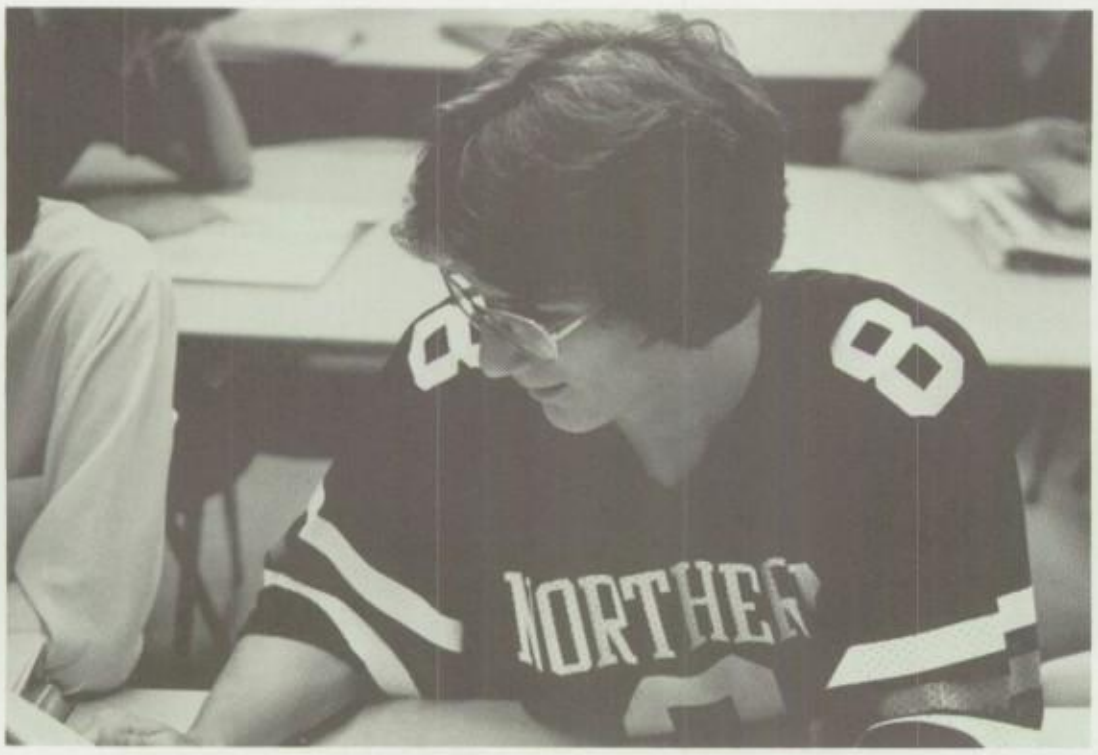


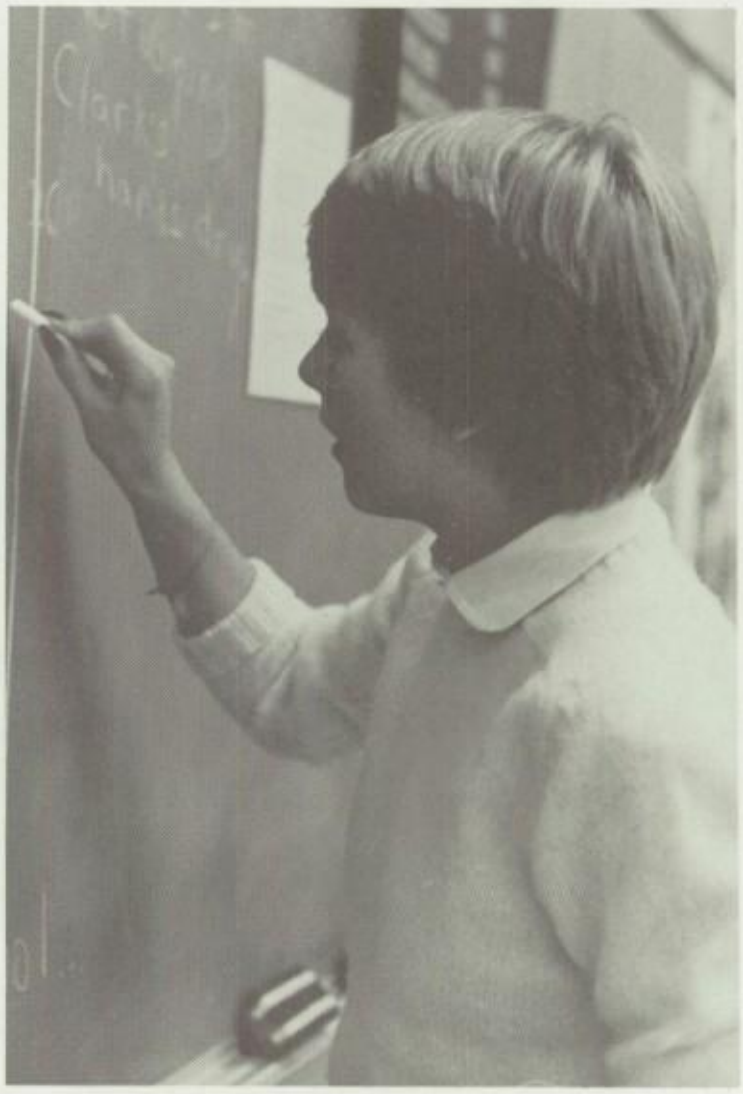
LEFT: Grafitti is one of the hobiies of Editor Margaret Fosmoe. ABOVE: Instead of watching the football game, Charlie Shane makes popcorn in the concession stand. BELOW: Diligently working is Karen Haggard.

What was actually fifty-eight minutes to all other classes seemed like fifty-eight hours to the staff of the Light.

Under the direction of Mr. Phil Sheldon, these students spent their "58 hours" selling advertising, making layouts, writing articles, and last but not least, folding the paper once it returned from the printer. To say the least, everybody was kept busy.

Mr. Sheldon also had the help of two student editors, Margaret Fosmoe and Sue Wenslick, with pictures provided by Sally Harrington. These people, along with the rest of the staff, produced a finished product that they and the student body could be proud of.



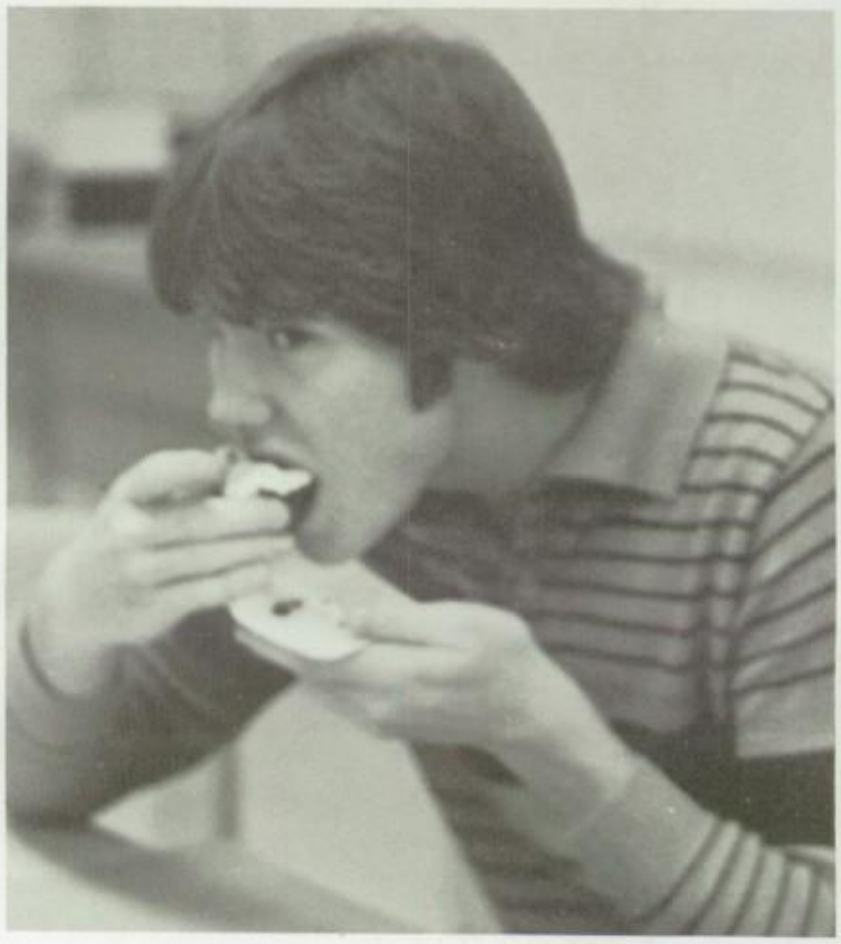


TOP: Both Carla Shlage and Stephanie York are busy making layouts for the upcoming issue of the Northern Light. ABOVE LEFT: To find possible advertisers, Jeff Agar refers to past publications. ABOVE: Directions are written on the board by Sue Wenslik. LEFT: When Steve White sets out to do a job you can bet it will get done.

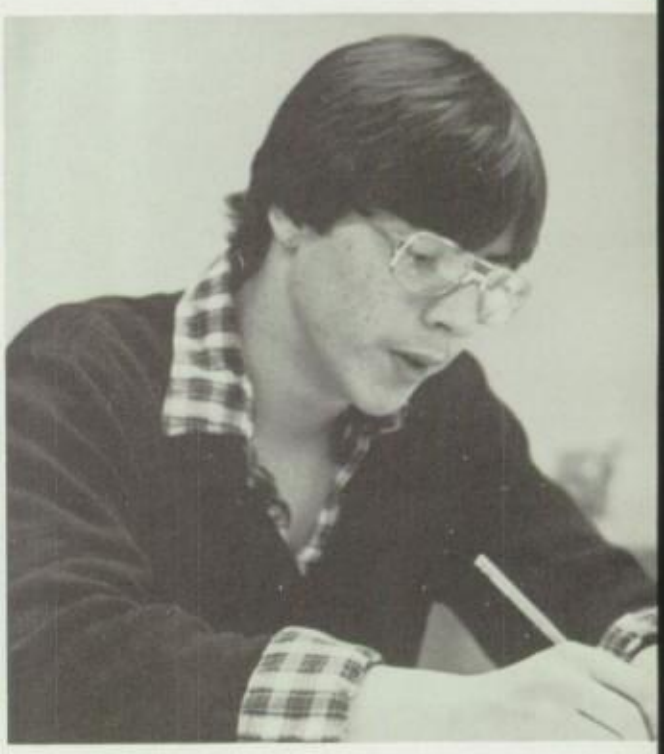
Yearbook Works Against Time

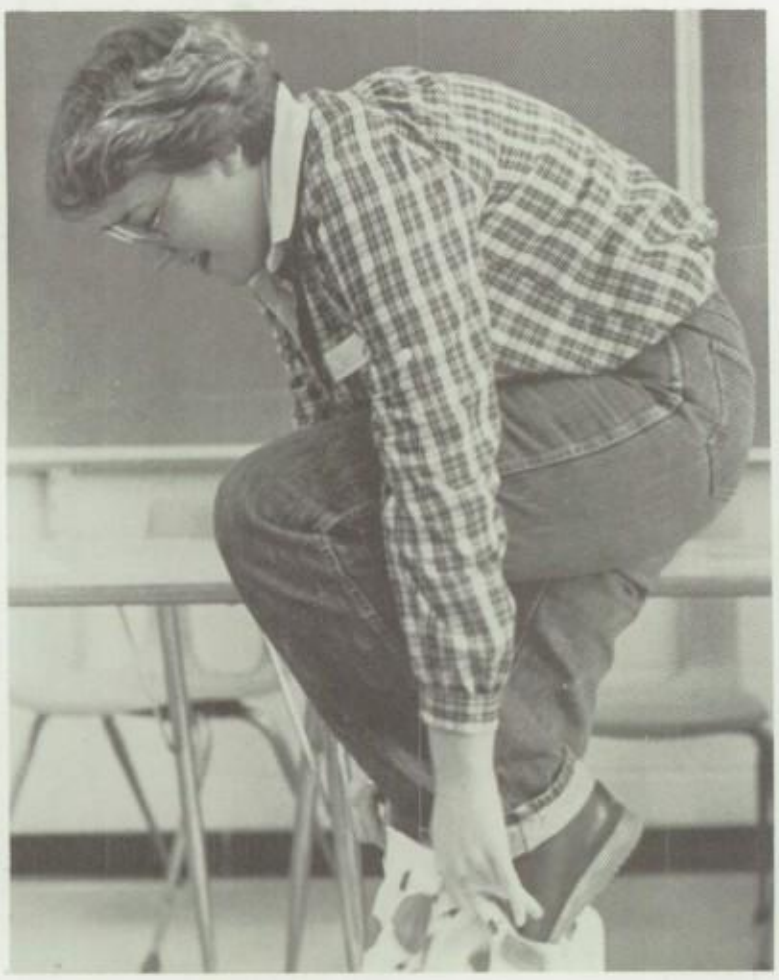
Every year the yearbook staff undergoes a facelift, with new members joining and old members going. Even so, one thing has remained the same: the desire to produce a first rate book everyone could be proud of.

The people who put the yearbook together were not just run of the mill people. Being a staff member required such qualities as patience and enthusiasm as well as the ability to work alone or with others. Perhaps the finest quality of a staff member was the dedication displayed during both the good times and the bad times Even during occasional traumas the staff of the *Legend* was able to pull together.



TOP: A deadline in mind John Bauman and Kayla Ranger work toward completion. ABOVE: Silent majority is once again overruled by editor Marie Scott. UPPER RIGHT: A break is taken by Dave Burtis who munches down on a piece of cake. BELOW: Yearbook prospers with a diligently working Cathy Courtney. BELOW RIGHT: Yearbook just wouldn't be the same without the beloved gerbel more commonly known as Joe Zerbel.





TOP LEFT: Complete concentration is the key to success displays Marilyn Sparks. BELOW: A good joke is shared between business manager Tom Vanderbor and editor Laurence Kozy. MIDDLE LEFT: A steady pace is kept by Matt McDade. MIDDLE: A flashy smile is directed across the room by Deb Sisak. MIDDLE RIGHT: The darkroom is where one can usually find Russ Pyne. LEFT: A demonstration on proper dress procedure is given by Laura Proos. TOP RIGHT: Support is supplied by Leona Brown Sheryl Happel.

Soccer at P.N.—Another Huskie First

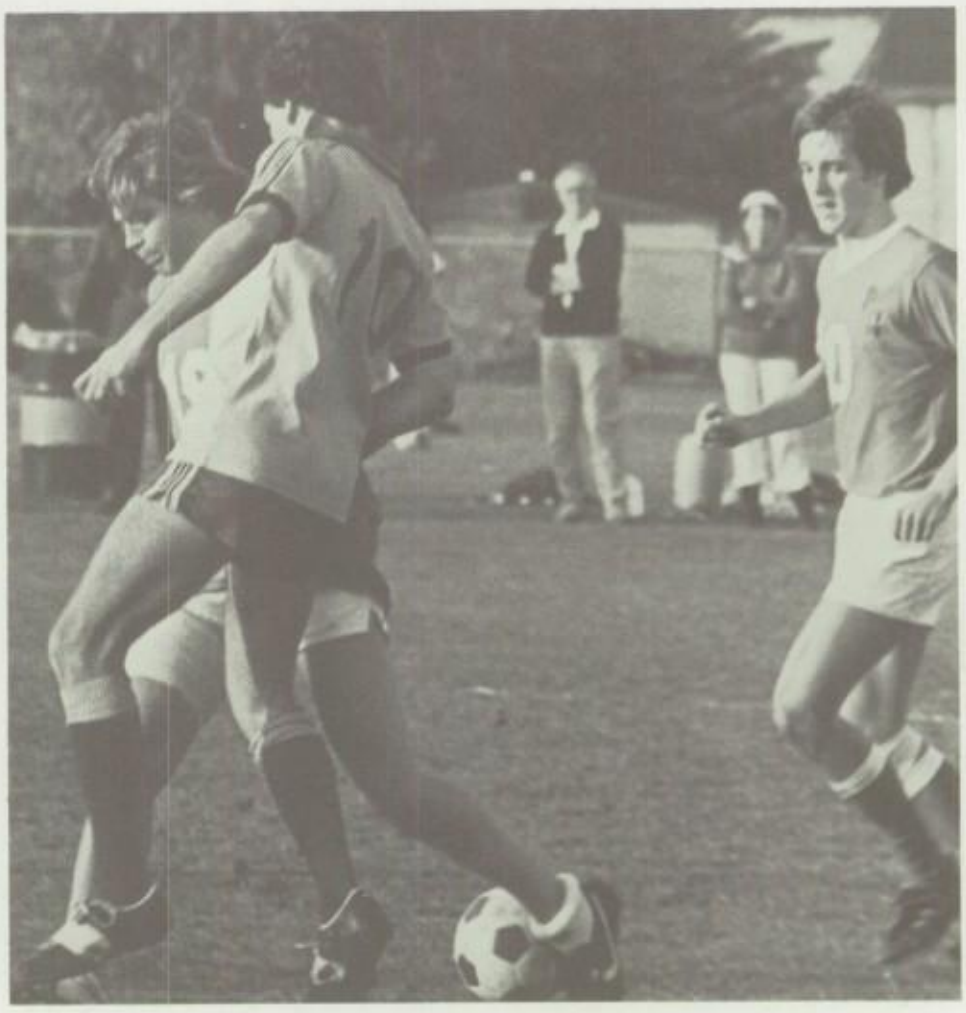
ABOVE LEFT: Precise ball handling is displayed here by Wayne Anderson. ABOVE RIGHT: Faced with two eager opponents, Jeff Thompson takes the ball out of reach. BELOW LEFT: As the ball falls back to earth, Jim Berry positions himself BELOW RIGHT: It's not as easy as it looks, displays Glenn Heinmiller.

ABOVE LEFT: Watch the shins when Adel Harb gets a chance to go after the ball and a goal. ABOVE RIGHT: A turn-around is the result after Dave Mauer heads the ball. BELOW: Shawn Lancaster battles opponent leaving the ball to teammate Mike Bowman.

Because of twenty eager students and their desire to play soccer, a team was formed which prided itself on being P.N.'s first ever. Budget cutting prevented soccer from being formally recognized as a varsity sport but hopefully it was on its way to being accepted.

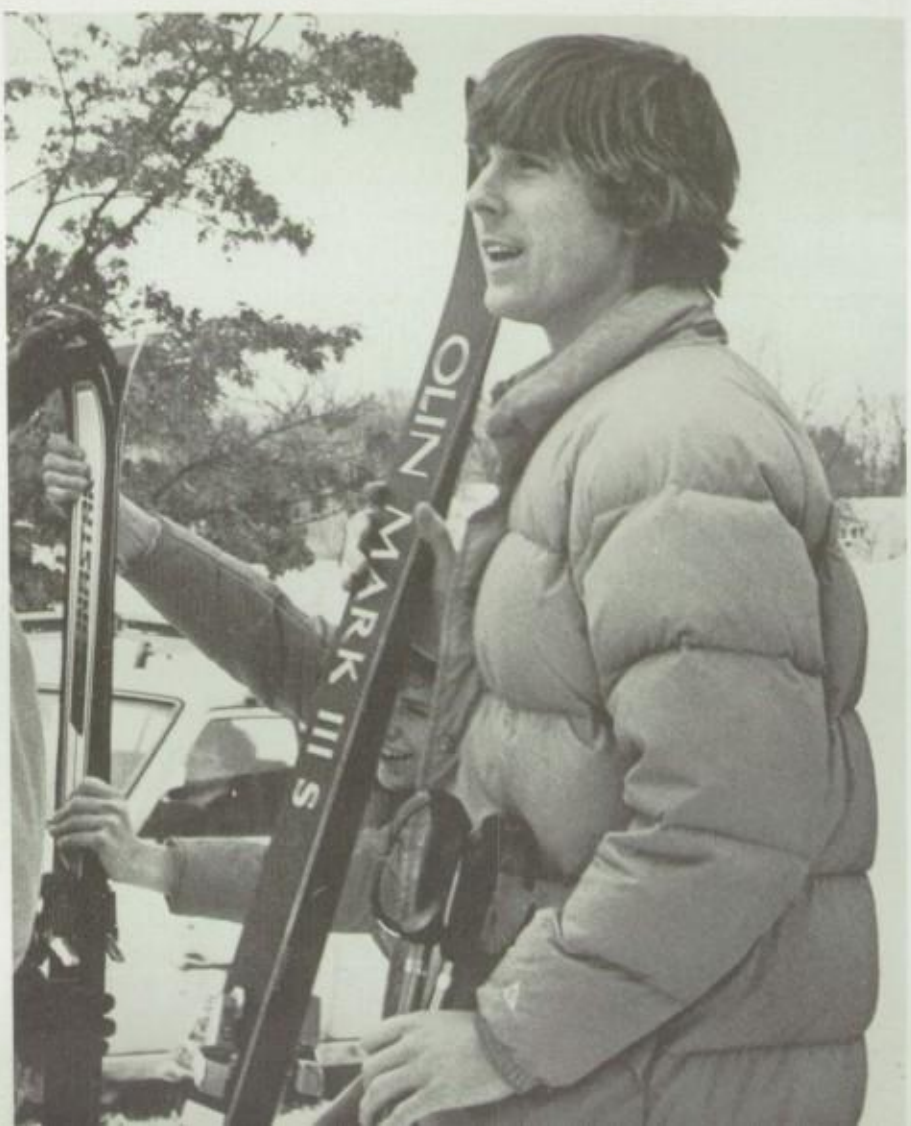
After being approached by soccer coaches from the G.K. area high schools, Coach Val Stevens, assisted by Mr. Doug Labadie, readied his team for vigorous high skilled competition. Naturally much work, practice and preparation went into this team as traditionally went into all Northern sports. The players never ceased to exhibit their well-earned Huskie pride.

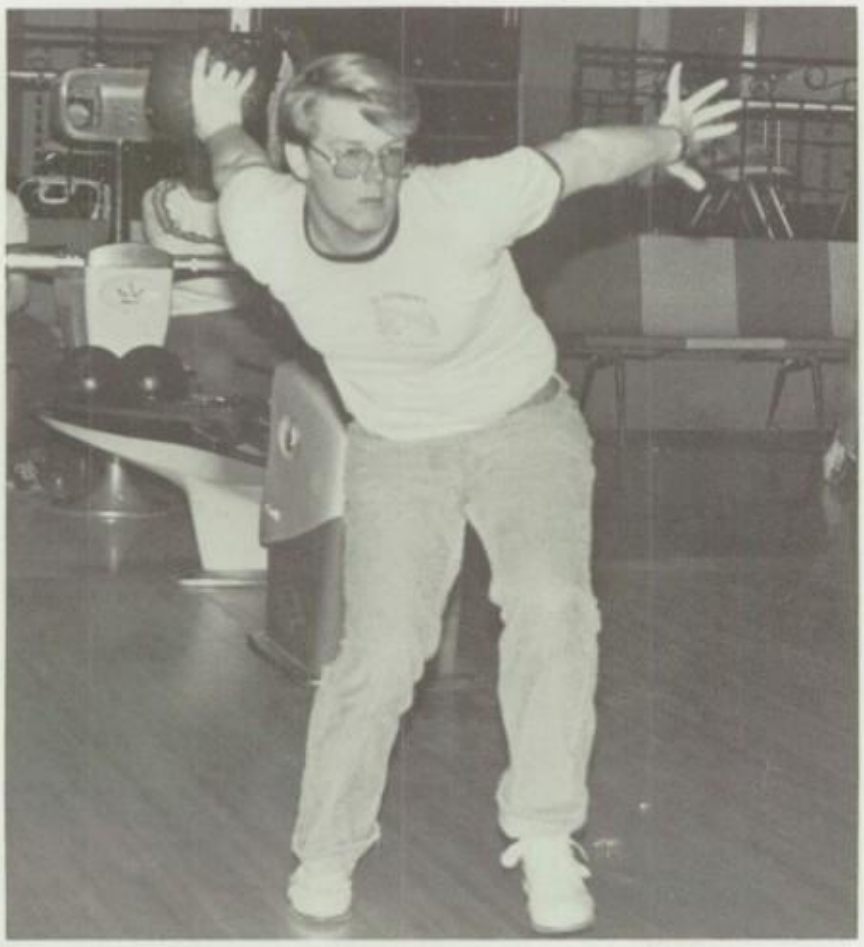
Considering that this was the first year we had a soccer team here at Northern, the soccer club finished up a fantastic season with eight wins, four losses, and one tie, leaving room for future improvement and years of competition.



Ski Club, Intramural Bowling Attract Students

TOP LEFT: Geared up for a day of skiing is Gary Butcher. BOTTOM LEFT: "Uphill skiing" is enjoyed by Debbie Kellam and Tim Neibor. ABOVE: A lawn of white becomes the playground for skier Kevin Smith. BELOW: Excitement grips Johan Ekman as he loads up for the big ski trip.





Although most people dreaded the coming of winter because it meant freezing temperatures and agonizing hours of shoveling, many Northern students were ecstatic when the snow started falling. This was, of course, because it meant the starting of ski club and intramural bowling at Portage Northern.

The ski club enjoyed many a winter day gliding down frosted slopes, while the talented bowlers improved their scores to no bounds. The skiers had the opportunities to ski at Crystal Mountain, as well as many other locations. A popular spot for intramural bowlers was Sunset Lanes. Whether experienced or inexperienced, the members of each club were able to enjoy themselves to a seemingly endless amount of winter pleasure.

Thanks to the efforts of Mr. John Zull, ski club provided a great opportunity for those interested in the sport of skiing. In the meantime Mr. Ed Grau catered to the bowlers so they were able to express their hidden talents.

TOP LEFT: "Pro" bowler Richard Jones gains momentum for a strike. MIDDLE LEFT: With complete concentration, Randy Doorlag prepares for the release. LEFT: The final push is the most important thinks Craig Bogue. ABOVE: A perfect score is fixed in Kelly Kellogg's mind.

STUDENT LIFE

TOP LEFT: The football homecoming court anxiously awaits the evening's announcement of the king and queen. ABOVE: Dressed for clone day, Barb Huyge and Greg Wesselhoff enjoy a good laugh together. LEFT: The student body elected Mike Proos and Chris Argoudelis as their football homecoming royalty.

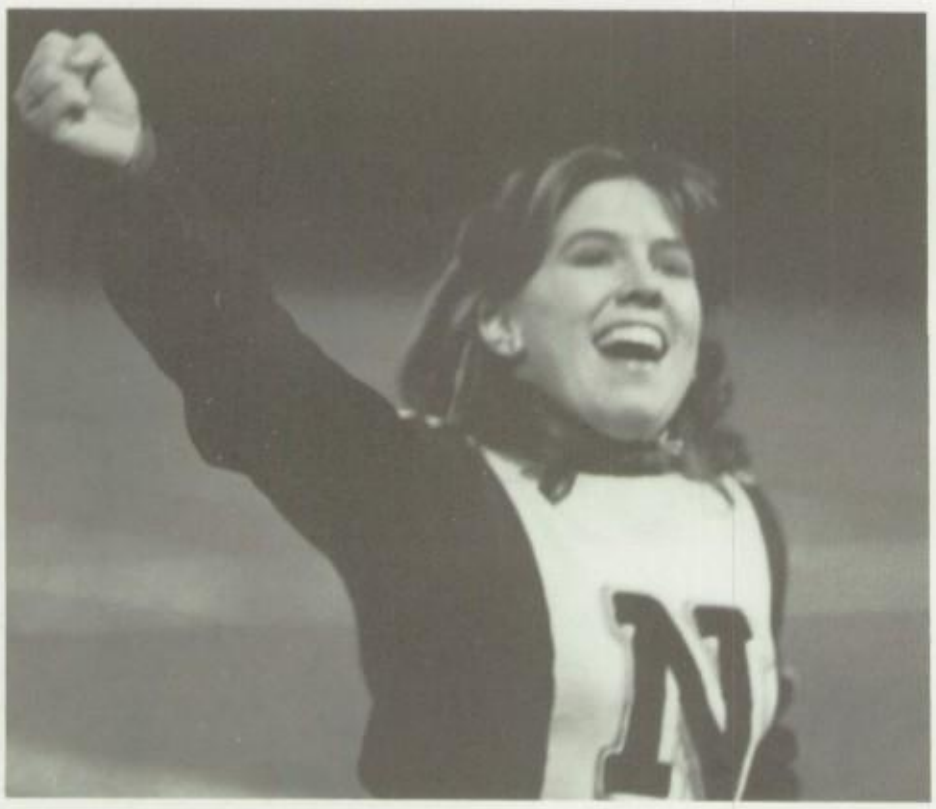
The homecomings for the '80-81 year were nothing less than spectacular.

"Huskies Have It All" was the theme for this year's football homecoming. Leading off the week was Punk Rock Day, with crazy hairstyles and clothes. There were College Day and J.R. or "Dallas" Day. The day most people observed was Official Senior Toga Day and Clone Day, following was traditional Brown, White, and Orange Day. The week was climaxed by the announcement of the King and Queen and an outstanding victory by the football team.

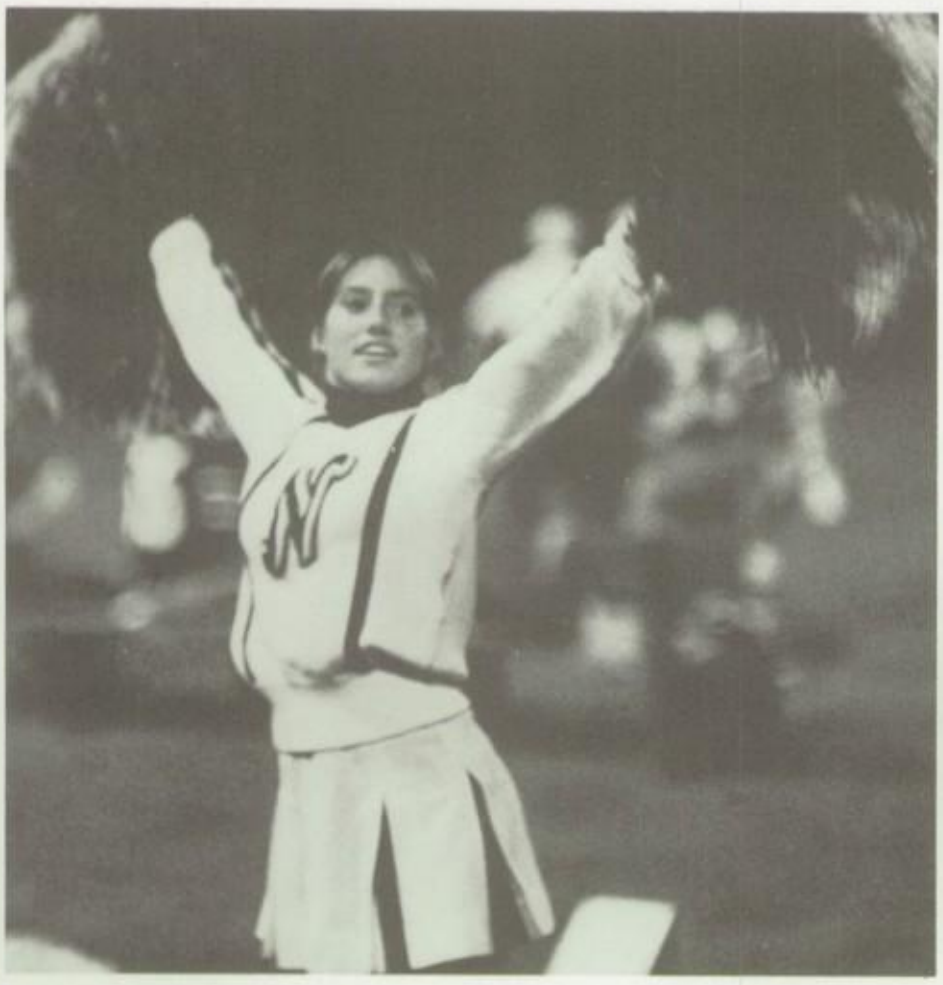
Dispensing with the idea of a theme, the Senate decided on several different spirit days for the basketball homecoming. The week began with Mad Hatter's Day. Then came Sports Day. M*A*S*H day and California Day followed. The final day was Brown, White, and Orange Day. After the announcement of the King Queen the basketball team had a stunning 76-48 victory over the Holland Dutch.

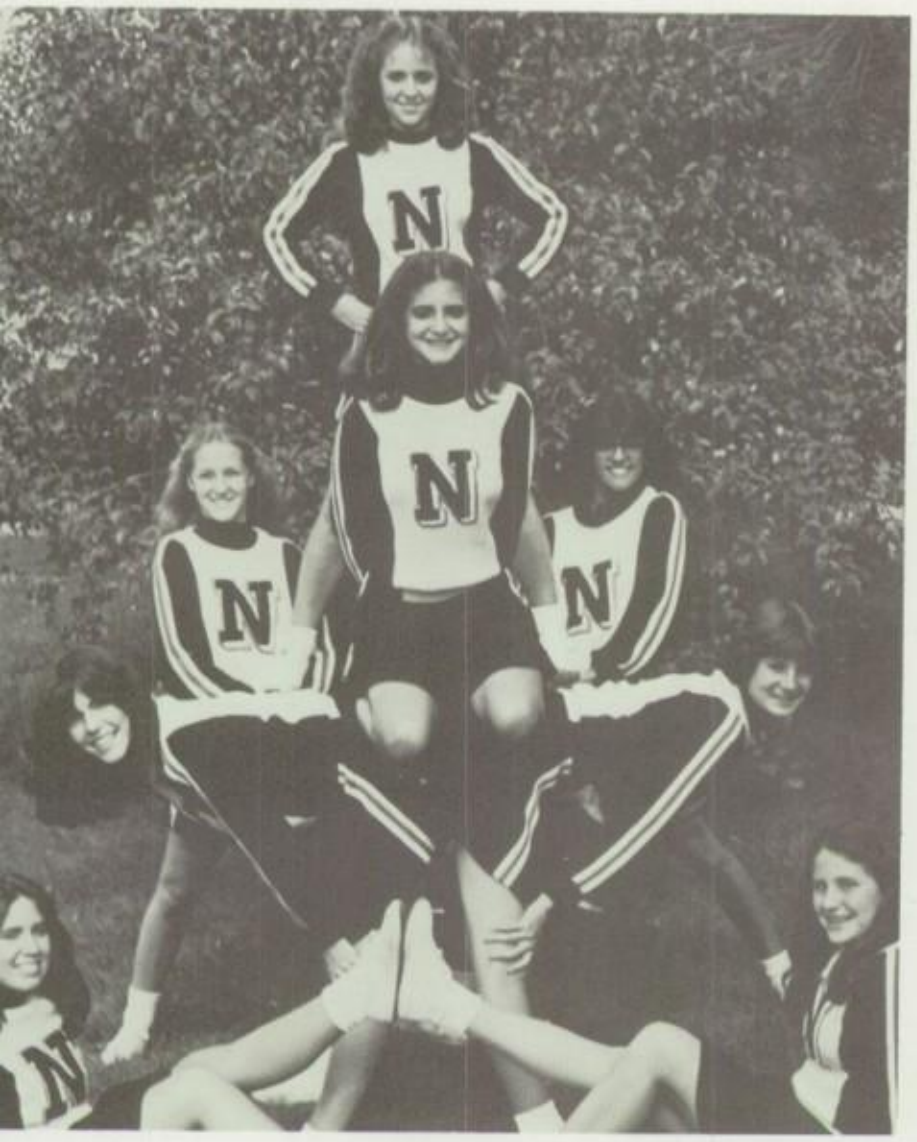
Huskies Have It All

*LEFT: Senior Chris Gochanour gets into the swing of things at the basketball homecoming pep assembly. BOTTOM LEFT: Another terrific meal at the mess tent, thinks M*A*S*H patient Kelly Kellogg and "Major" Debbie Farrell. ABOVE: An inner tube and a life jacket is the California style for Monica Marsden. TOP RIGHT: Sophomore Lisa DeYoung gets into school spirit for punk rock day. RIGHT: "Scrubbed" and ready for surgery at M*A*S*H are Monica VanNeer and Mary Drehobl. BOTTOM RIGHT: Basketball homecoming king and queen Tom Shehigian and Connie Rodenhiser express their joy. BELOW: A movie director for California day is Dave Rimawi's style.*



TOP LEFT: Sophomore Dee Dee Pomeroy cheers with enthusiasm. ABOVE: Varsity cheerleaders Jody Jones and Karen Boekeloo take a break to watch the game. MIDDLE LEFT: JV cheerleader Julie Hayes lets out a holler for a score. BOTTOM LEFT: The victory sign is given by Kim Hunt as she cheers for a win. BELOW: Excitement is enjoyed by Karen Smith and Holly Boling.





Cheerleaders

With chants and cheers, both the JV and Varsity cheerleaders helped inspire our athletic teams and bring spirit and enthusiasm to the many Northern students and fans. At the games, as well as at the pep assemblies, both squads did an excellent job of spreading excitement and pride through all Huskies.

Besides the many hours spent practicing, the girls also used much of their own time making posters and decorating team members' lockers.

ABOVE: Cheerleaders Holly Boling, Linda Kingsbury, Laura Bardo, Jackie Schense, Karen Boekeloo, Jody Jones, Kim Hunt, and Karen Smith are proud to be Huskies. TOP: The fans are inspired by JV cheerleaders Kris Battenburg, Lili Sanchez, Dee Dee Pomeroy, Julie Taylor, Patty Dalrymple, Cherie Campsmith, Julie Hayes, and Lee Ann Jones. LEFT: With hopes of a victory, Laura Bardo cheers on.

Foreign Exchange

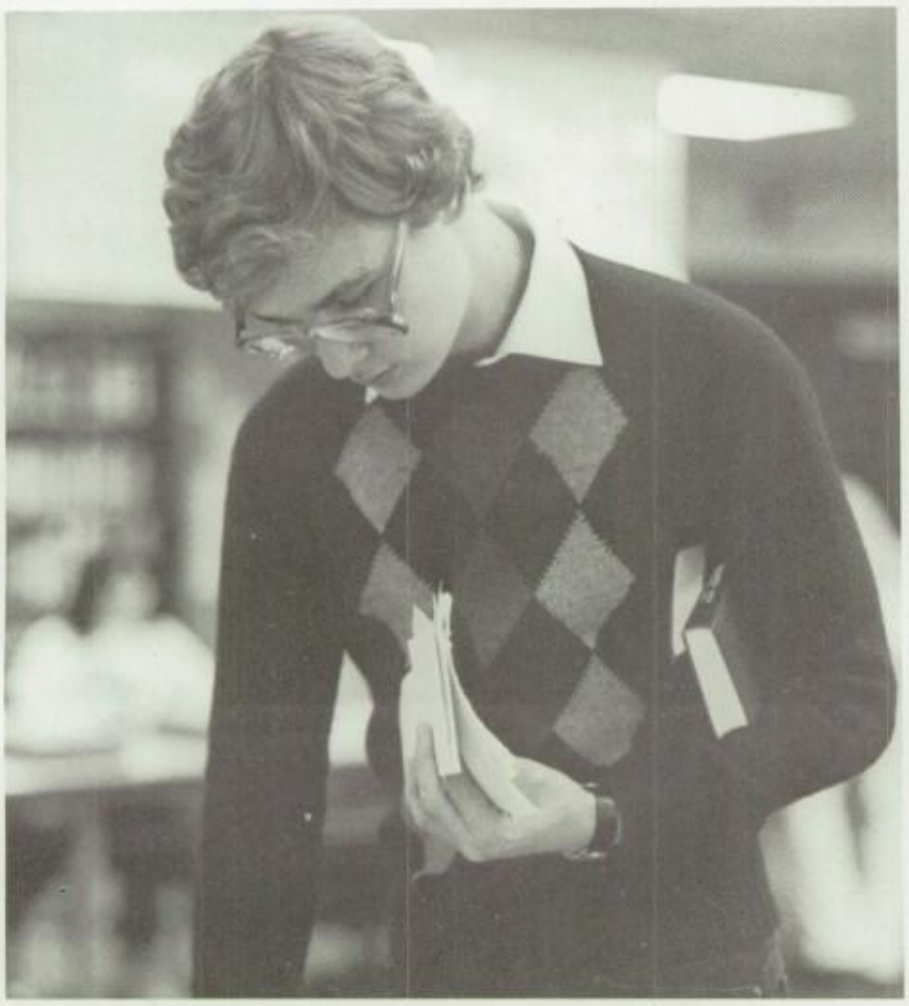
LEFT: Not bad for the first try, thinks Erika Sotomayor. ABOVE: Class ring selection is enjoyed by Karin Kamperman. BELOW LEFT: An interesting version of the hula dance is demonstrated by Susan Butler, Karin Kamperman, and Erika Sotomayor. BELOW: The pie eating contest in the AFS Olympics was no problem for Jody Walker.

Students Join American Scene

Life in the United States must be exciting because this year Portage Northern was honored with five foreign exchange students.

The AFS club was made up of the students from P.N. and the exchange students. The club planned different activities that would help the students to feel accepted within the school. They went to movies, had pizza parties, went bowling, and many other fun and exciting activities.

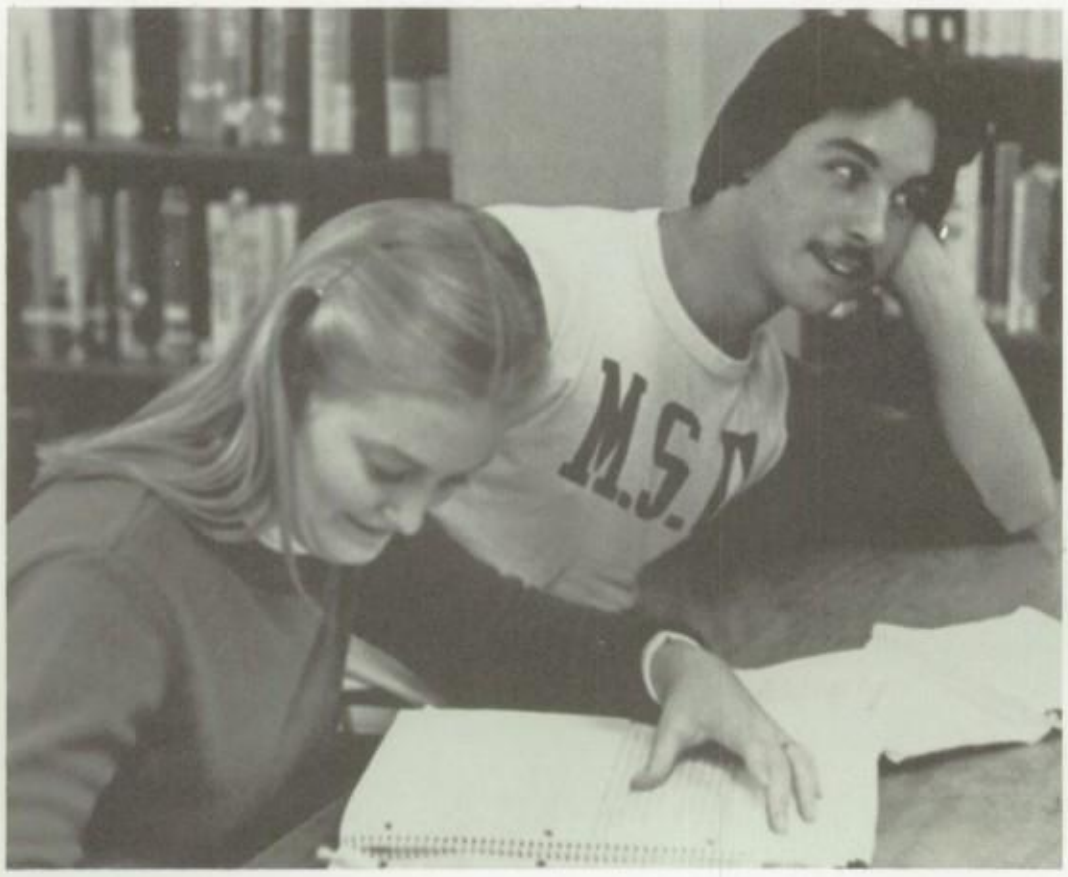
The countries that were represented this year were Sweden, Holland, Chile, Finland, and Wales. Not only did the foreign students benefit from learning our customs, but we also benefitted by learning their customs and habits.



ABOVE: The arena is a first for Mikko Rydman as he discovers the thrill of scheduling. RIGHT: The talent for skiing comes naturally to Johan Ekman. TOP: The peanut roll is a big event at the AFS Olympics, demonstrates Don VanDine.

Our Library:

ABOVE: Media specialist Mr. Randy Seilheimer assists Mark Pedo in finding an article. BELOW: The library's relaxed atmosphere is illustrated by Jeff Kurcab and Julie Vining. ABOVE RIGHT: "Confetti for Friday night's game is a must," says **Sue Thierjung.**

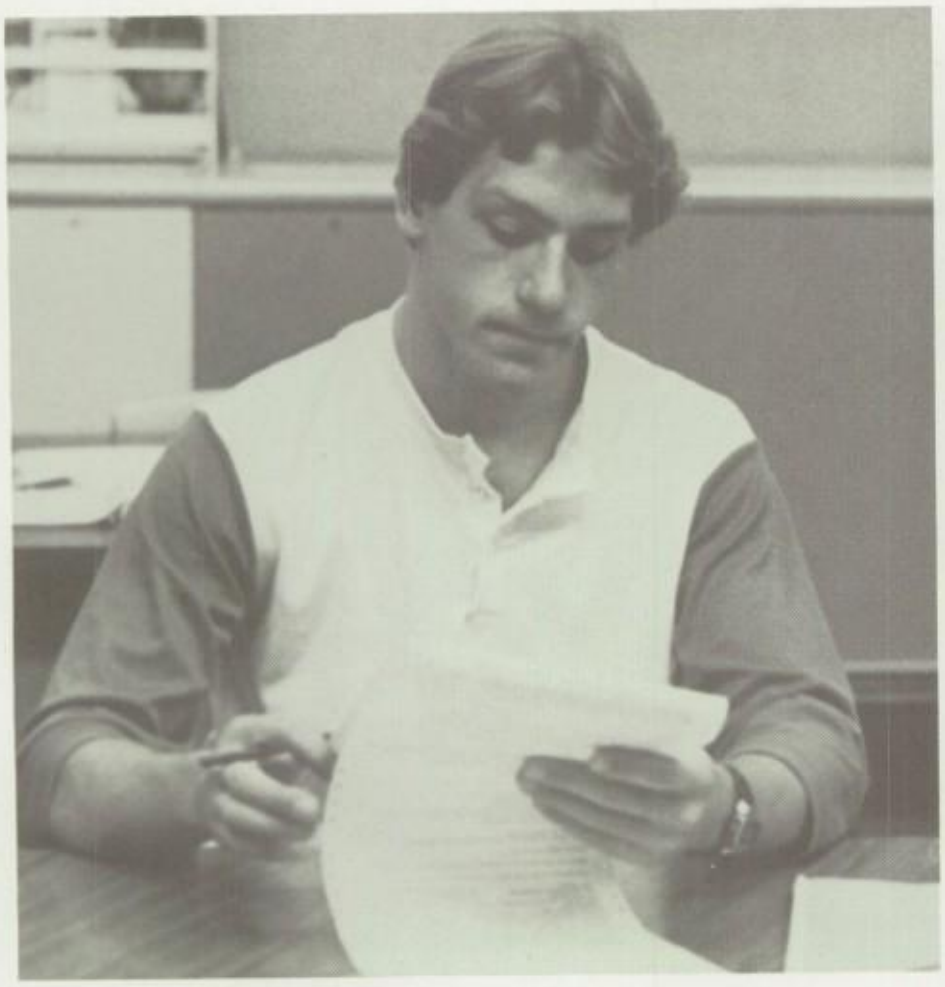


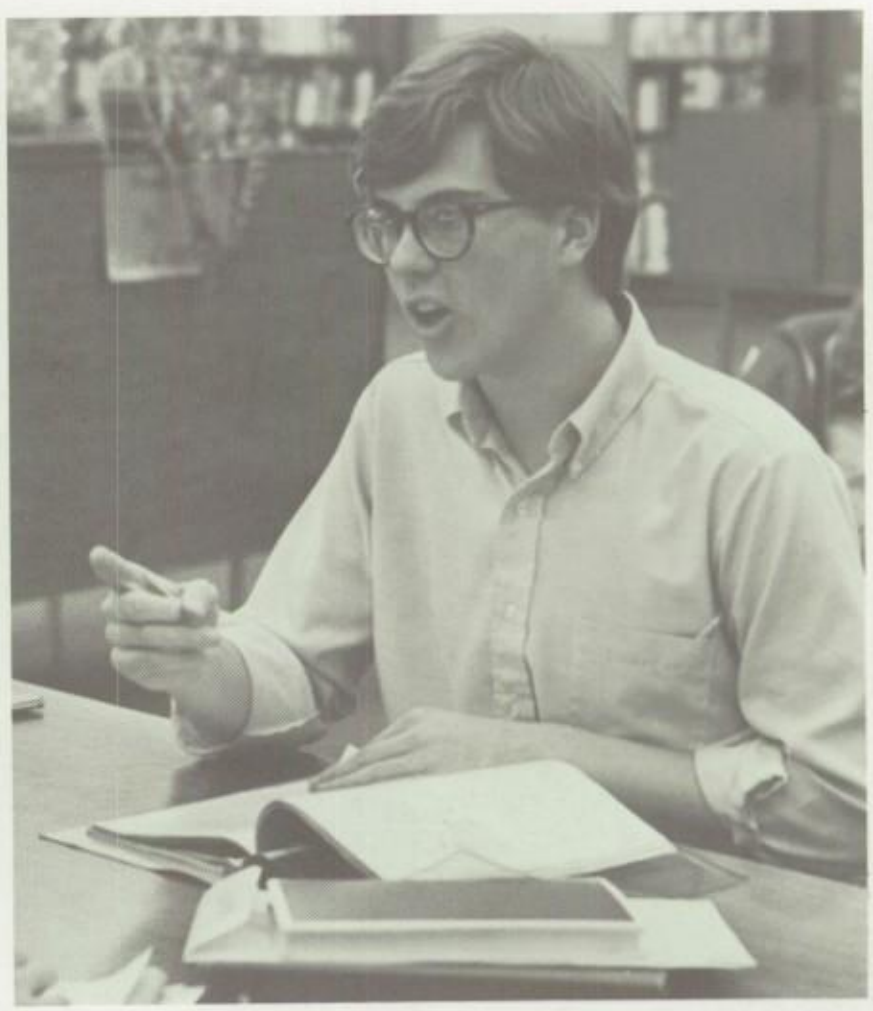
Before summer break Northern's library was considered to be one of the best; but as far as libraries went it was actually quite normal, with the usual degree of quiet study, intense research, and related activity. However, students returned to school in the fall to find an addition which set their library apart from all others.

The library had acquired an "Online Dialog Information Retrieval Service", transmitted by satellite from Lockhead base in Pala Alto, California. This highly sophisticated system, the largest and most comprehensive computer service of its kind, provided useful information to inquisitive Northern researchers.

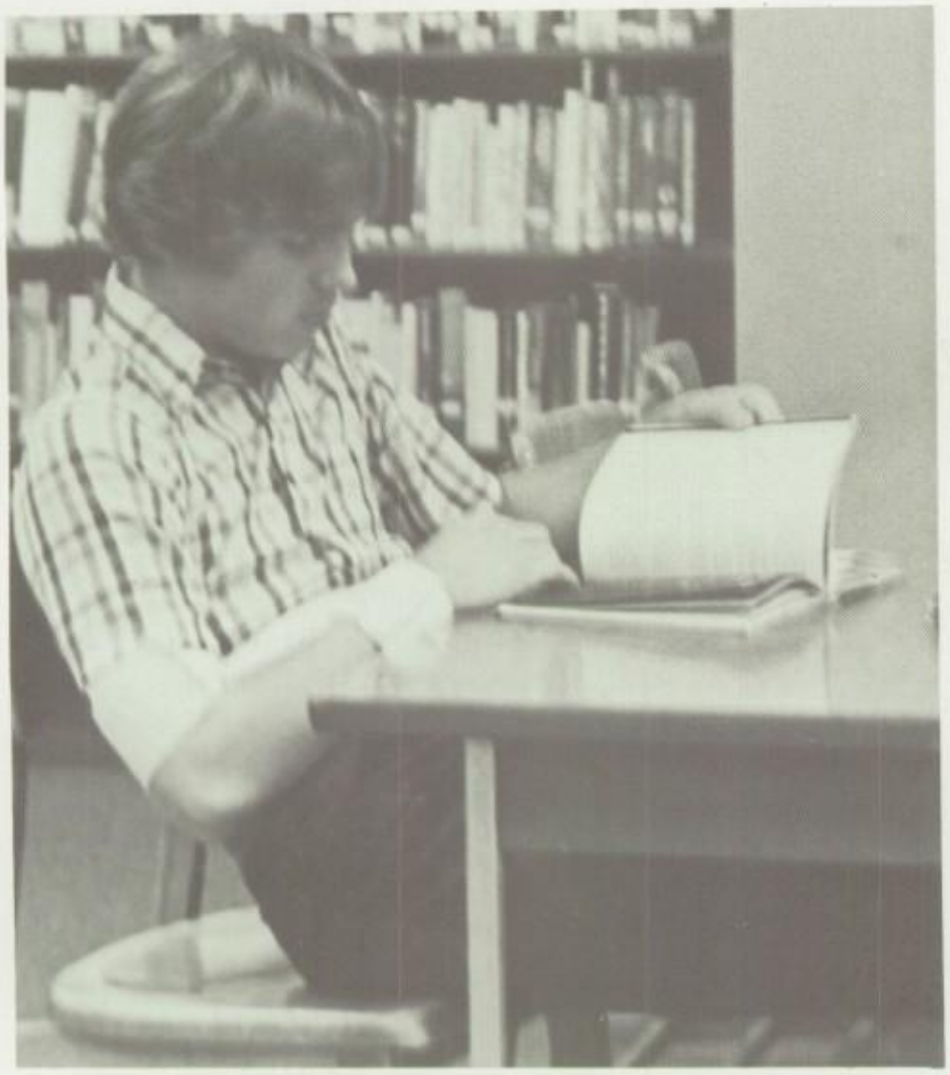
The library scene was otherwise quiet and busy with the steady hum of students working toward fulfillment that has always been a part of Northern tradition.

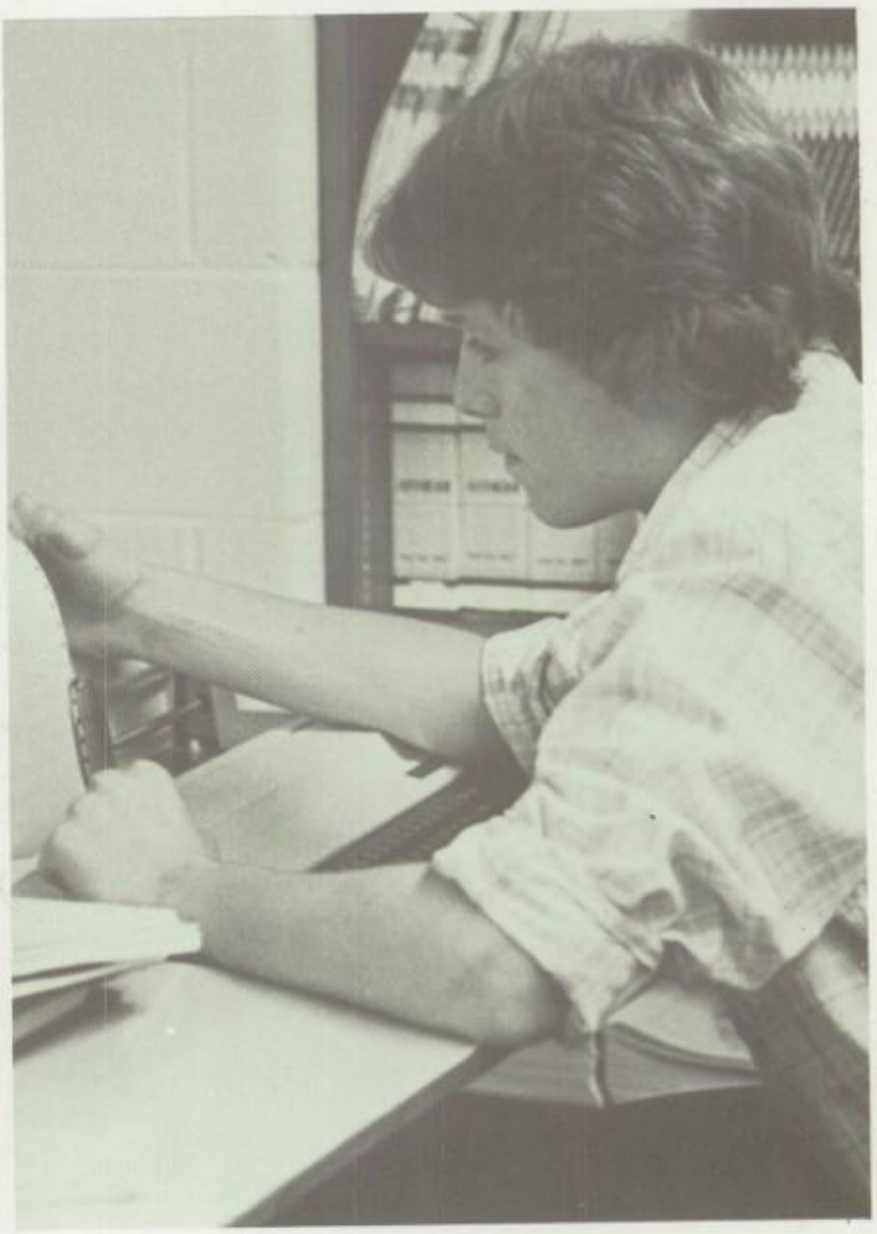
In A Class By Itself





ABOVE: Eagerly looking over the results of his career search is Brad Stermer. ABOVE RIGHT: "THE LIBRARY WANTS YOU!", urges Mike Mertel. BELOW LEFT: Single handedly, Dennis Heath hits the books. BELOW RIGHT: Busily working at the computer terminal is Jim Cieslack.





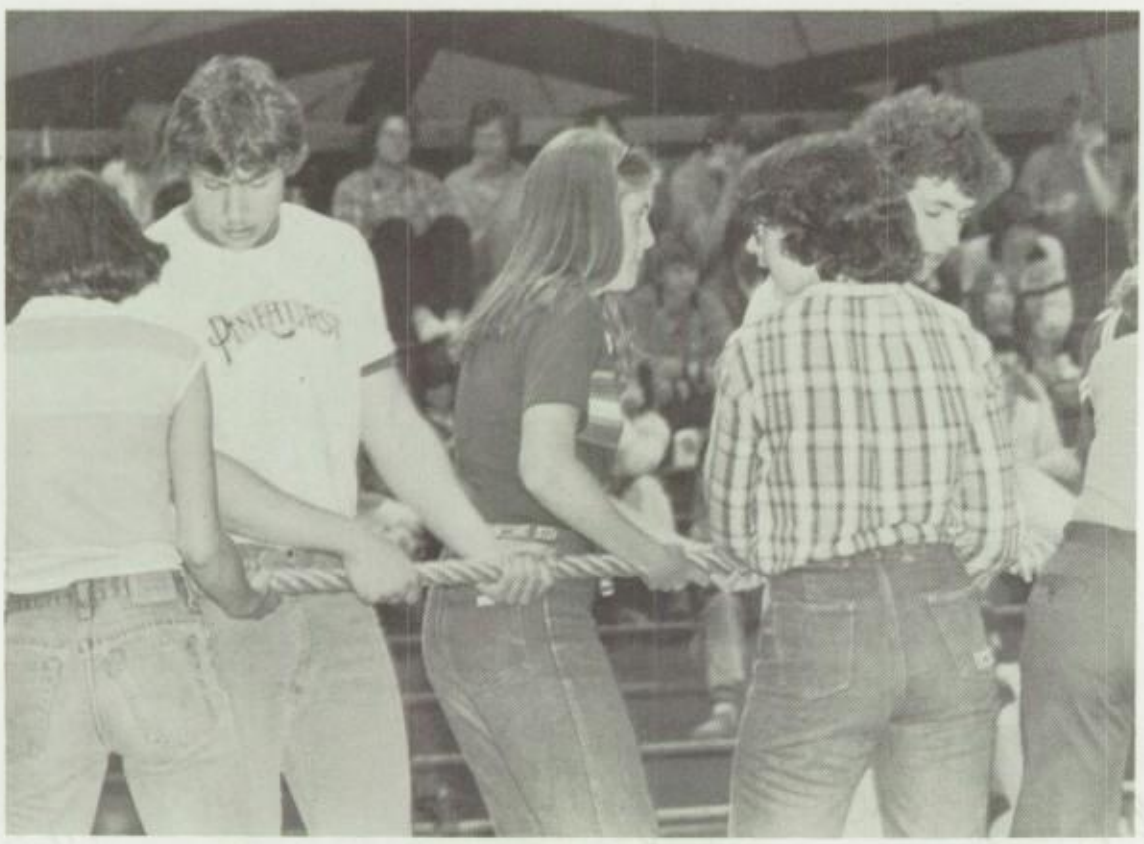
Being in the classroom was not the only activity in a Northern student's life. Many students enjoyed their after-school activities just as well or maybe better than classroom activities. After a trying day at school, many of them made a beeline for the gym where they displayed their talents, and others headed off to their jobs, or the refrigerator.

Friday night ball games offered a chance to be with friends and enjoy a few laughs. Many students ended the night at a favorite restaurant. After game dances offered warmth, conversation, and loud music.

Many of the students this year involved themselves in the March of Dimes Bread Lift in which Northern ranks #1. The students also participated in the March of Dimes walk-a-thon and a Christmas party for the area's underprivileged children.

TOP, What a mouth full, thinks Bob Straw as Sue Reed keeps stuffing. ABOVE: Foreign exchange students Karen Kamperman and Sue Butler enjoy nights.RIGHT: Relaxation is the only thing on Cathy Courtney's mind.

Life After 2:45

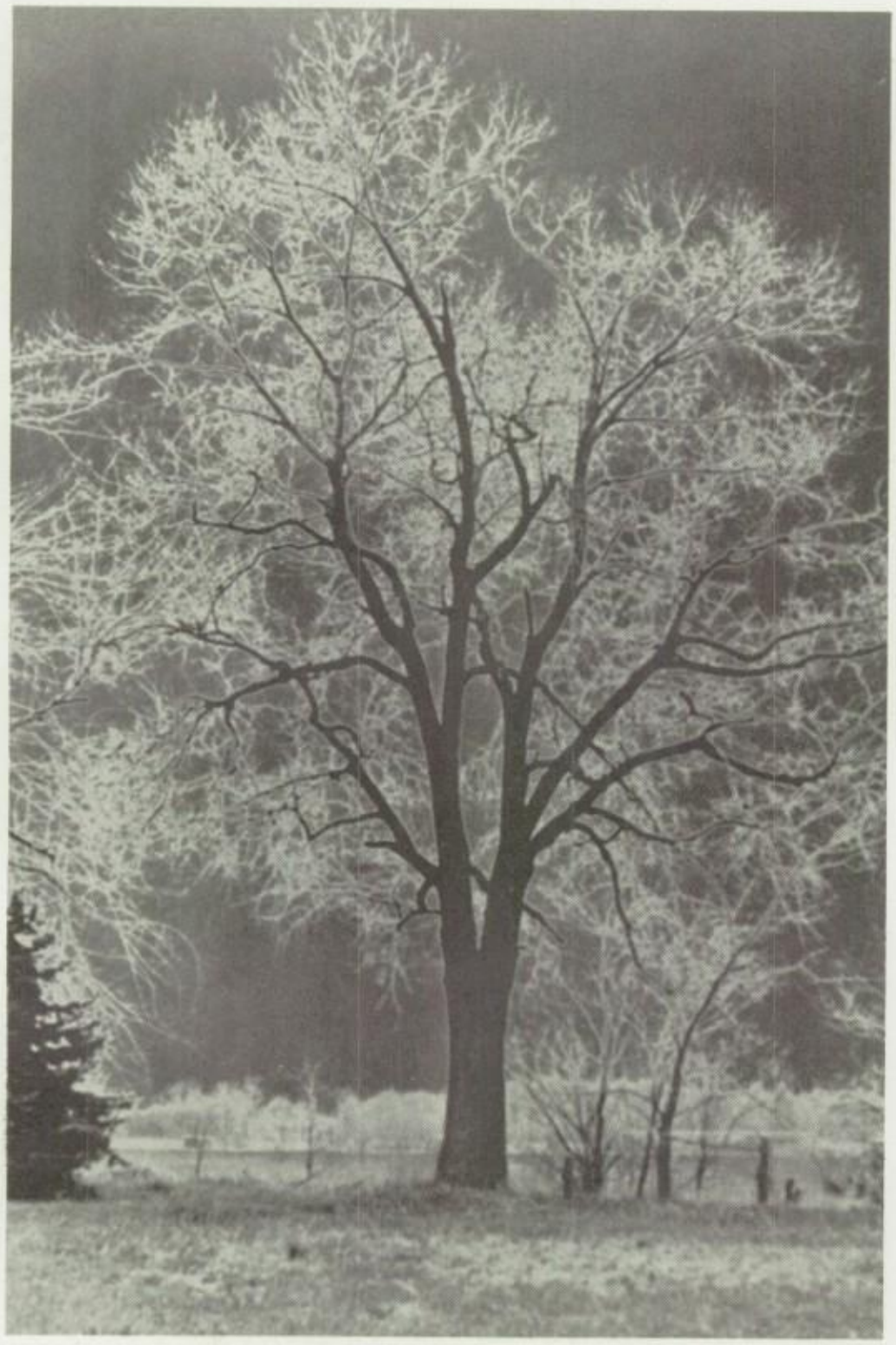


UPPER LEFT: A hot batch of fries helps Carla Schlag through. UPPER RIGHT: Crowds cheer the football team. MIDDLE LEFT: Seniors prove their power. LOWER LEFT: Boy, this is heavy thinks Jim Boshoven, Jerry Johnson.

Mina, I'm really glad I got to know you this year. You're a really interesting person. Good Luck at school next year. Give me a call when you're in town, 323-3288. Guess what? I'm writing all over Crossroads...

Love
Anne

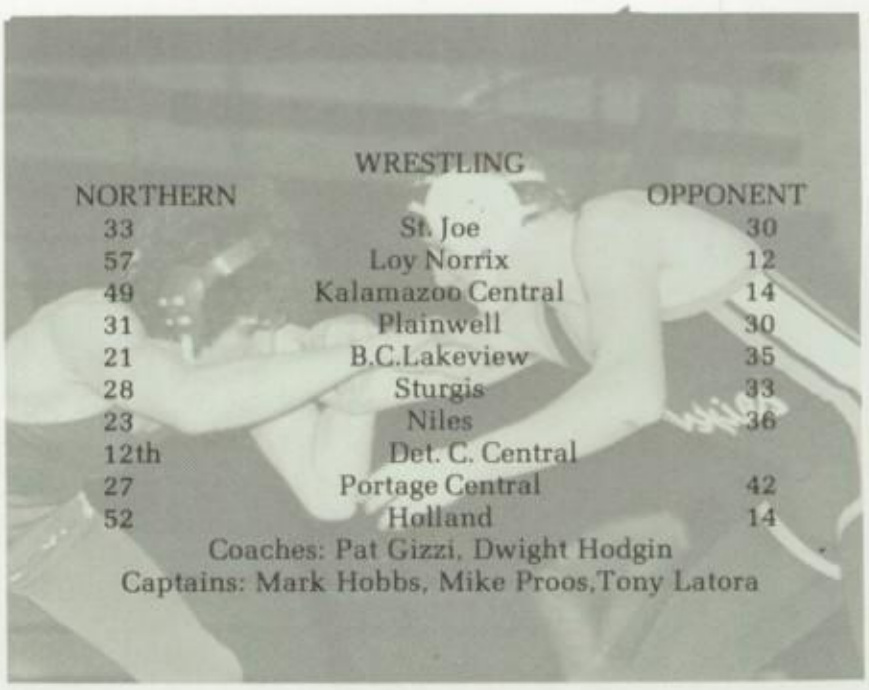
COMMUNITY



MEN'S GOLF

NORTHERN		OPPONENT
164	Hackett	184
333	at Portage Northern	4th
338	Portage Central	4th
331	B.C. Lakeview	6th
158	Hackett	187
316	Holland	2nd
328	Kalamazoo Central	4th
342	Niles	5th
340	St. Joe	5th
334	Portage Central	347

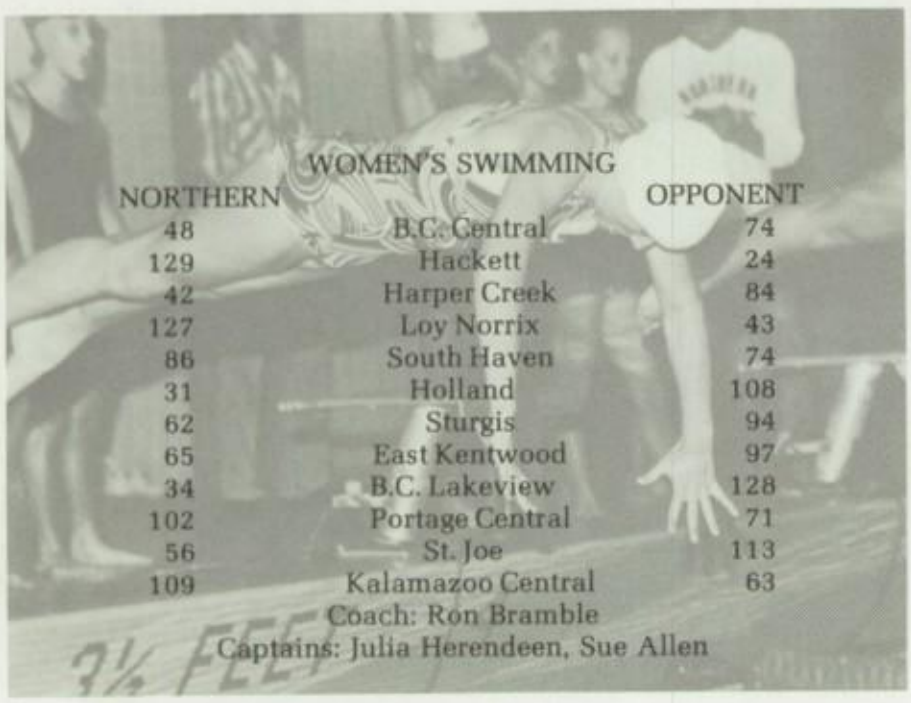
Coach: Dave Harmsen
Captain: Greg Welch



WRESTLING

NORTHERN		OPPONENT
33	St. Joe	30
57	Loy Norrix	12
49	Kalamazoo Central	14
31	Plainwell	30
21	B.C.Lakeview	35
28	Sturgis	33
23	Niles	36
12th	Det. C. Central	
27	Portage Central	42
52	Holland	14

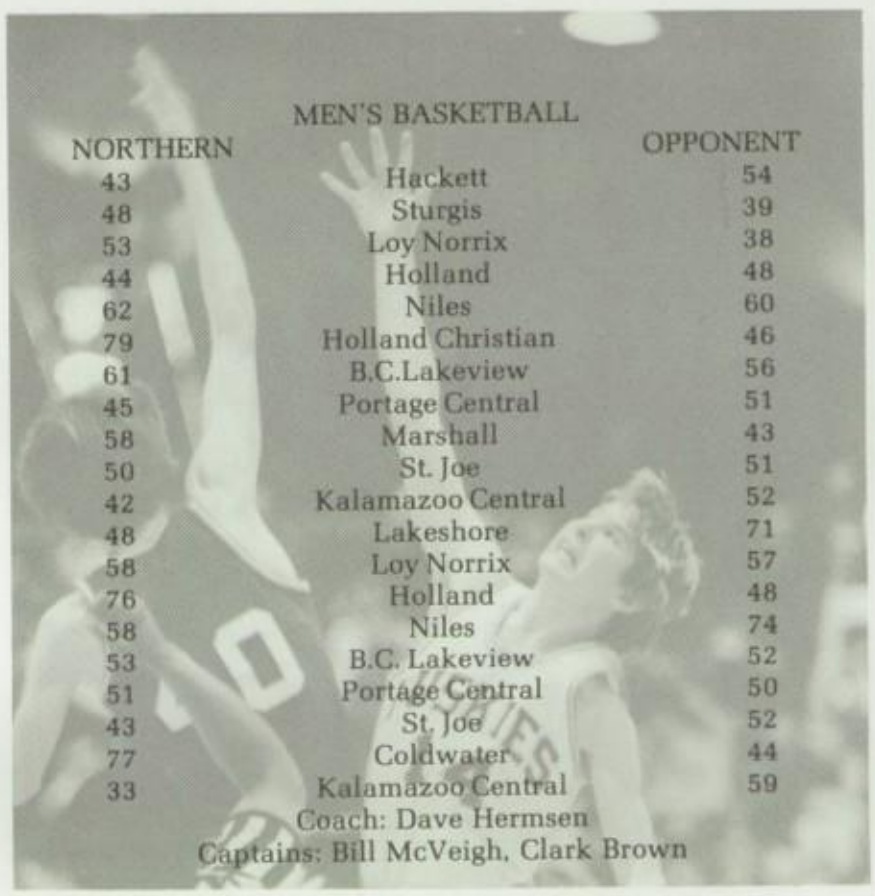
Coaches: Pat Gizzi, Dwight Hodgin
Captains: Mark Hobbs, Mike Proos,Tony Latora



WOMEN'S SWIMMING

NORTHERN		OPPONENT
48	B.C. Central	74
129	Hackett	24
42	Harper Creek	84
127	Loy Norrix	43
86	South Haven	74
31	Holland	108
62	Sturgis	94
65	East Kentwood	97
34	B.C. Lakeview	128
102	Portage Central	71
56	St. Joe	113
109	Kalamazoo Central	63

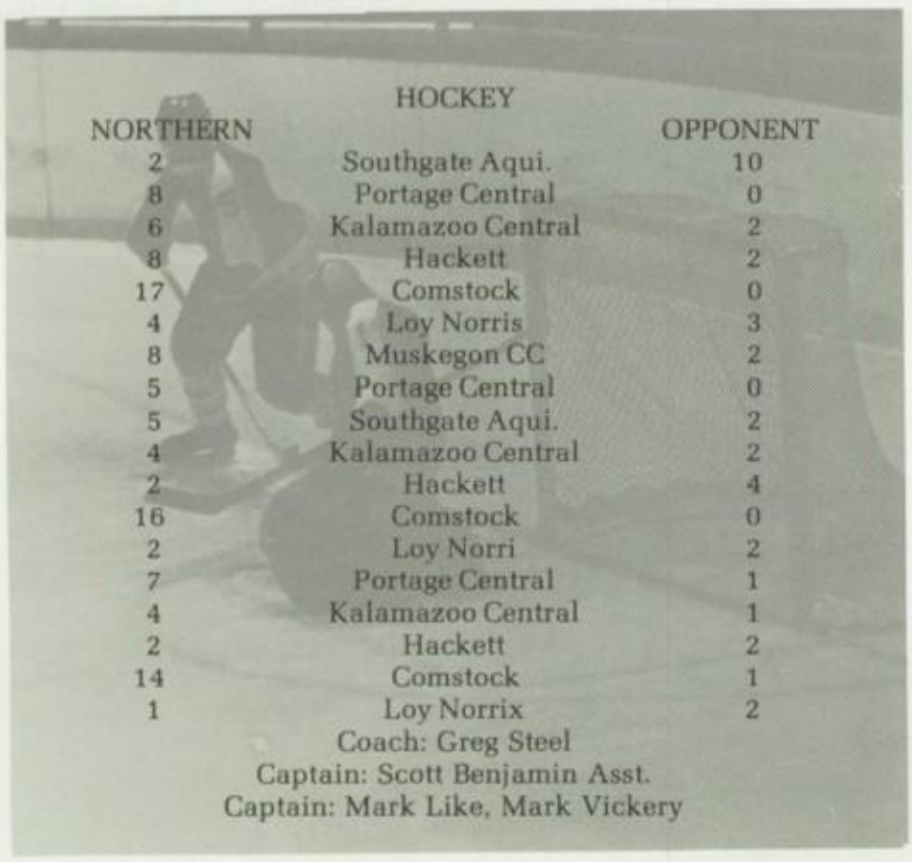
Coach: Ron Bramble
Captains: Julia Herendeen, Sue Allen



MEN'S BASKETBALL

NORTHERN		OPPONENT
43	Hackett	54
48	Sturgis	39
53	Loy Norrix	38
44	Holland	48
62	Niles	60
79	Holland Christian	46
61	B.C.Lakeview	56
45	Portage Central	51
58	Marshall	43
50	St. Joe	51
42	Kalamazoo Central	52
48	Lakeshore	71
58	Loy Norrix	57
76	Holland	48
58	Niles	74
53	B.C. Lakeview	52
51	Portage Central	50
43	St. Joe	52
77	Coldwater	44
33	Kalamazoo Central	59

Coach: Dave Hermsen
Captains: Bill McVeigh, Clark Brown



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NORTHERN		OPPONENT
2	Southgate Aqui.	10
8	Portage Central	0
6	Kalamazoo Central	2
8	Hackett	2
17	Comstock	0
4	Loy Norris	3
8	Muskegon CC	2
5	Portage Central	0
5	Southgate Aqui.	2
4	Kalamazoo Central	2
2	Hackett	4
16	Comstock	0
2	Loy Norri	2
7	Portage Central	1
4	Kalamazoo Central	1
2	Hackett	2
14	Comstock	1
1	Loy Norrix	2

Coach: Greg Steel
Captain: Scott Benjamin Asst.
Captain: Mark Like, Mark Vickery

WOMEN'S TENNIS

NORTHERN		OPPONENT
3	Loy Norrix	4
4	East Kentwood	3
4	Holland	3
6	Niles	1
7	B.C. Lakeview	0
4	Portage Central	3
4	St. Joe	3
3	Kalamazoo Central	4
4	Holland	3

Coach: Sandy Peterson
Captains: Karen Arvanigian, Holly Pifer

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Kalamazoo Central	1st
Jackson Inv.	2nd
Fennville Inv.	1st
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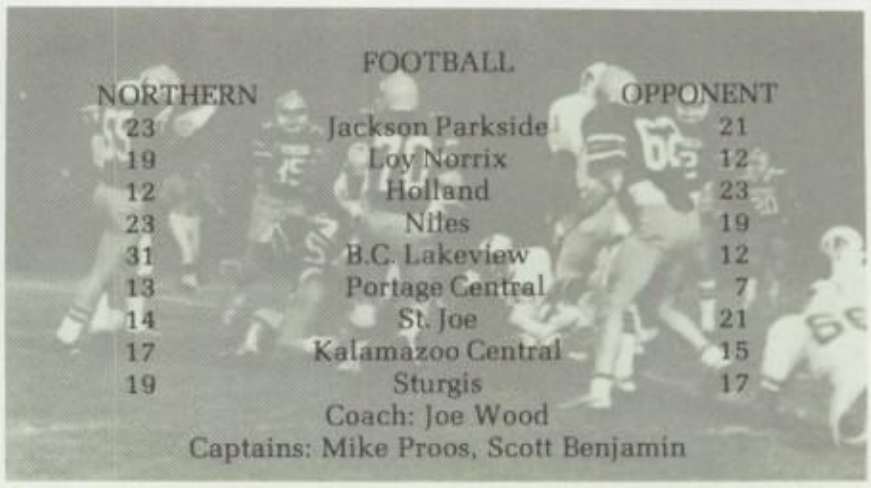
Gull Lake	1st

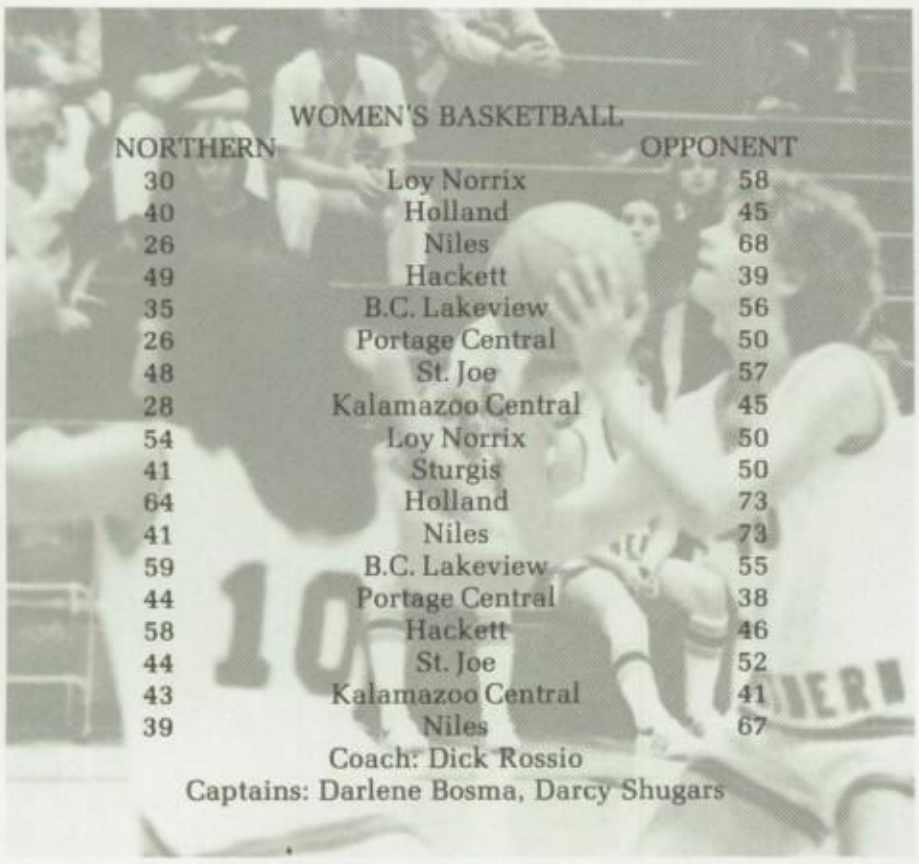
Coach: Bill Fries



FOOTBALL

NORTHERN		OPPONENT
23	Jackson Parkside	21
19	Loy Norrix	12
12	Holland	23
23	Niles	19
31	B.C. Lakeview	12
13	Portage Central	7
14	St. Joe	21
17	Kalamazoo Central	15
19	Sturgis	17

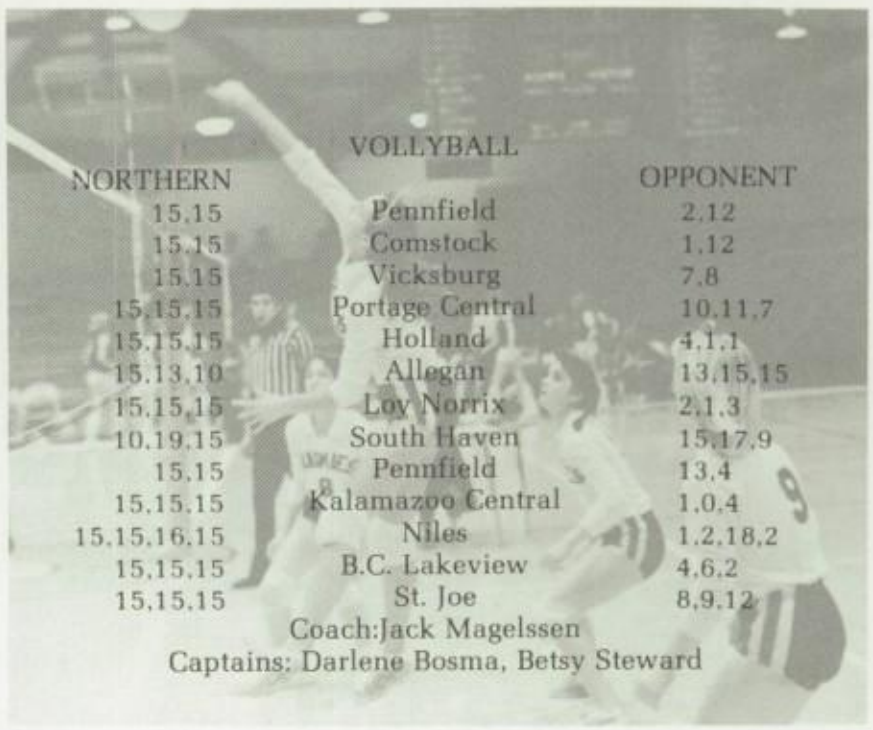
Coach: Joe Wood
Captains: Mike Proos, Scott Benjamin



WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

NORTHERN		OPPONENT
30	Loy Norrix	58
40	Holland	45
26	Niles	68
49	Hackett	39
35	B.C. Lakeview	56
26	Portage Central	50
48	St. Joe	57
28	Kalamazoo Central	45
54	Loy Norrix	50
41	Sturgis	50
64	Holland	73
41	Niles	73
59	B.C. Lakeview	55
44	Portage Central	38
58	Hackett	46
44	St. Joe	52
43	Kalamazoo Central	41
39	Niles	67

Coach: Dick Rossio
Captains: Darlene Bosma, Darcy Shugars



VOLLYBALL

NORTHERN		OPPONENT
15,15	Pennfield	2,12
15,15	Comstock	1,12
15,15	Vicksburg	7,8
15,15,15	Portage Central	10,11,7
15,15,15	Holland	4,1,1
15,13,10	Allegan	13,15,15
15,15,15	Loy Norrix	2,1,3
10,19,15	South Haven	15,17,9
15,15	Pennfield	13,4
15,15,15	Kalamazoo Central	1,0,4
15,15,16,15	Niles	1,2,18,2
15,15,15	B.C. Lakeview	4,6,2
15,15,15	St. Joe	8,9,12

Coach:Jack Magelssen
Captains: Darlene Bosma, Betsy Steward

MEN'S SWIMMING

NORTHERN		OPPONENT
70	B.C. Central	102
88	Marshall	83
55	Kalamazoo Central	117
56	B.C. Lakeview	116
57	Sturgis	115
60	Portage Central	112
56	Holland	115
74	St. Joe	97

Coach: Bruce Dulin
Captains: Paul Bashaw, Todd Powley

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

NORTHERN		OPPONENT
15	Vicksburg	46
28	Sturgis	27
35	St. Joe	22
34	B.C. Lakeview	21
34	Loy Norrix	21
34	Kalamazoo Central	33
20	Niles	43
23	Portage Central	36

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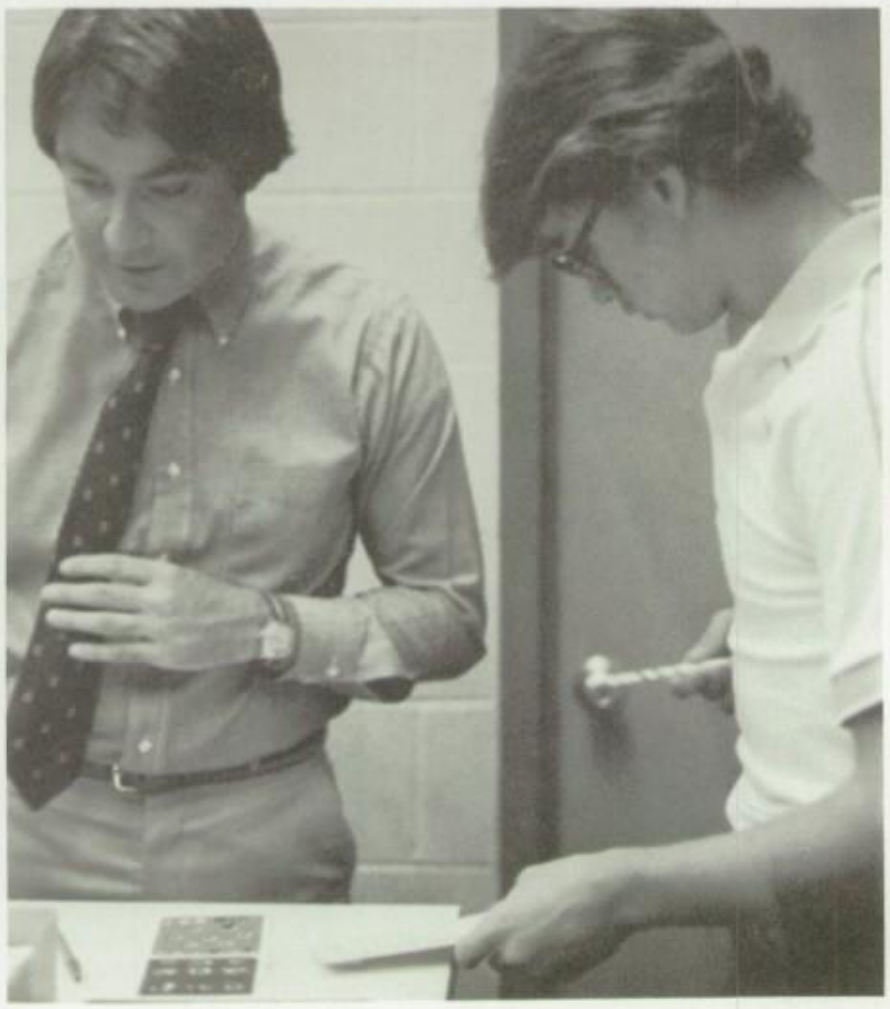

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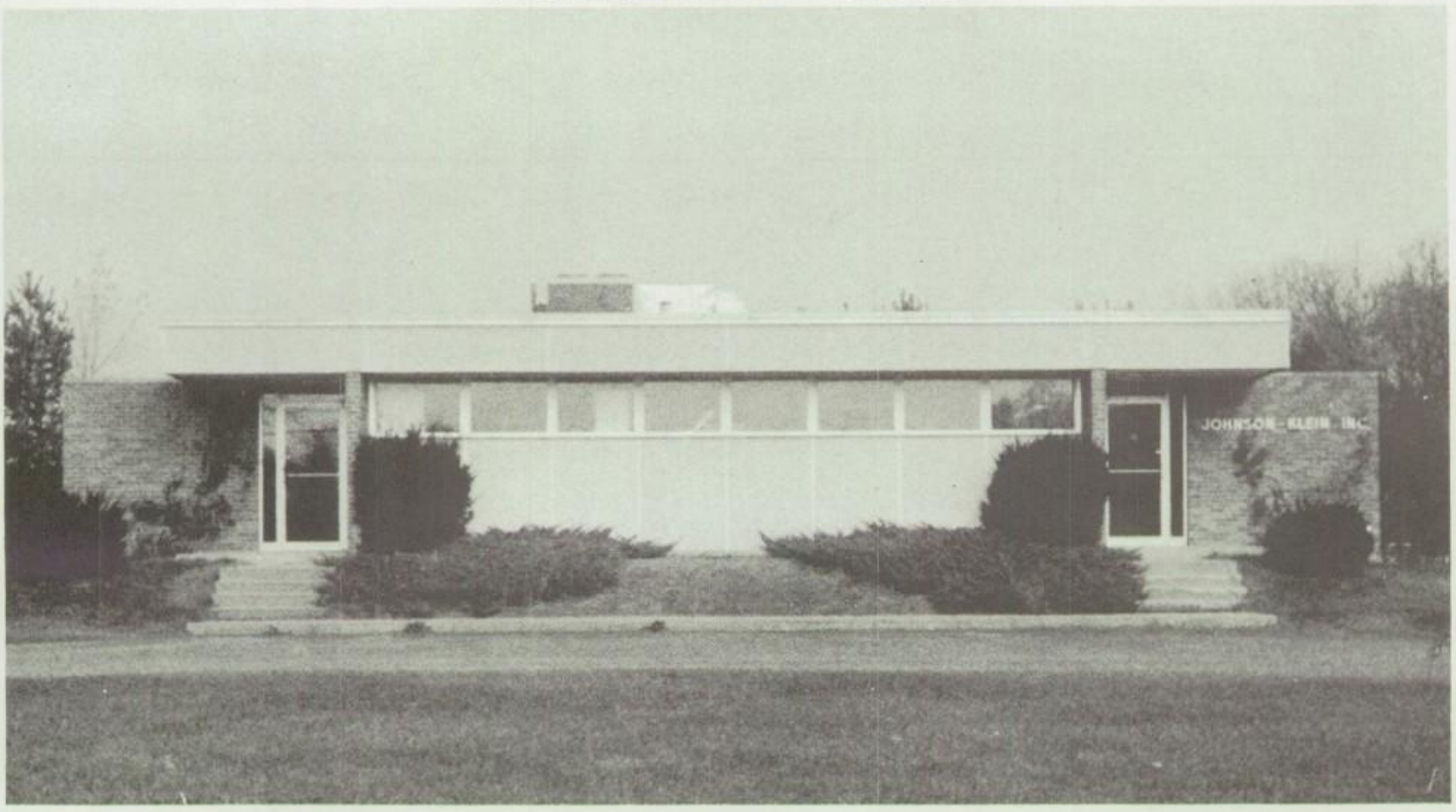

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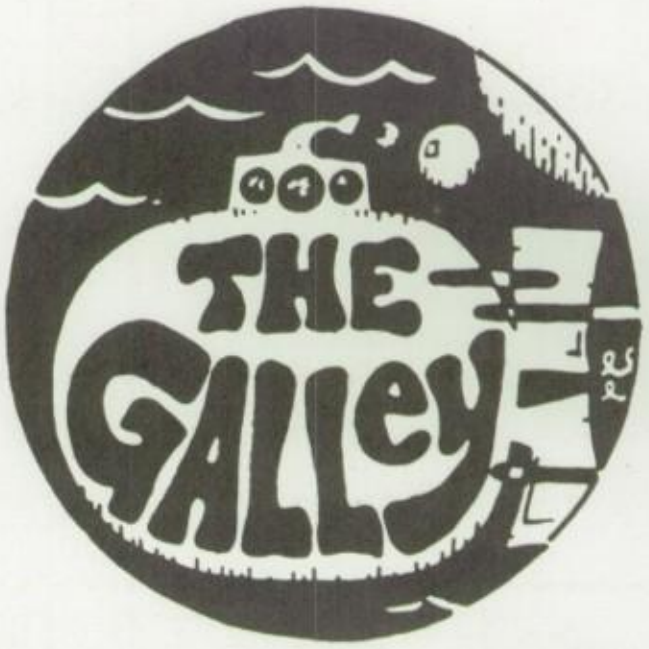

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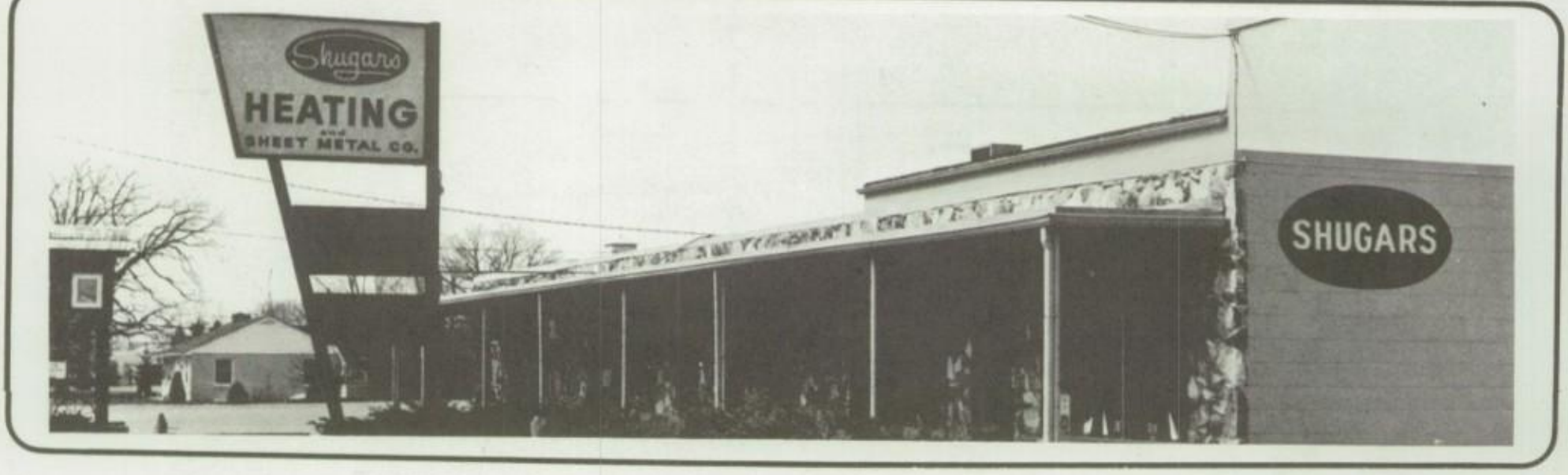

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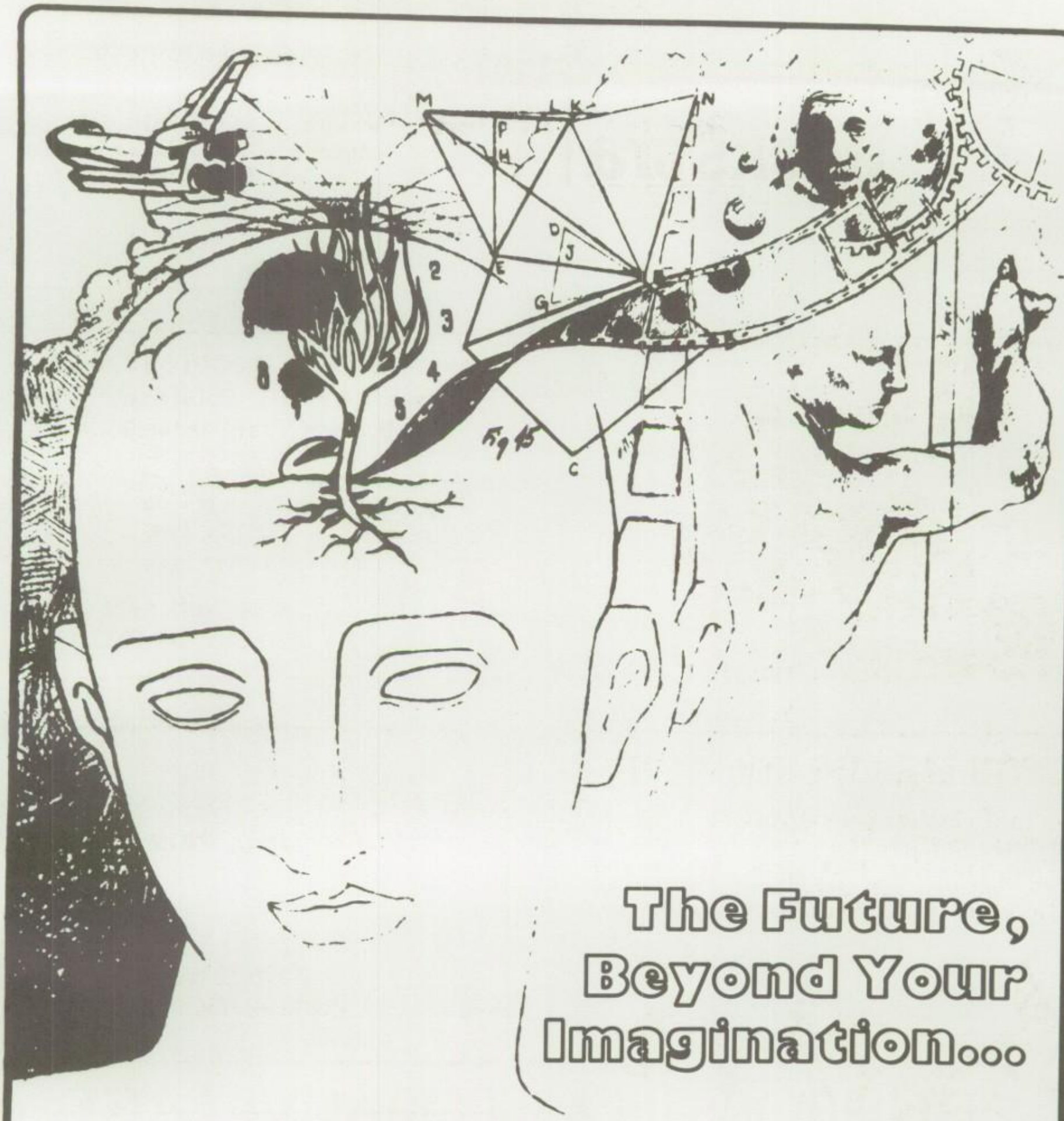

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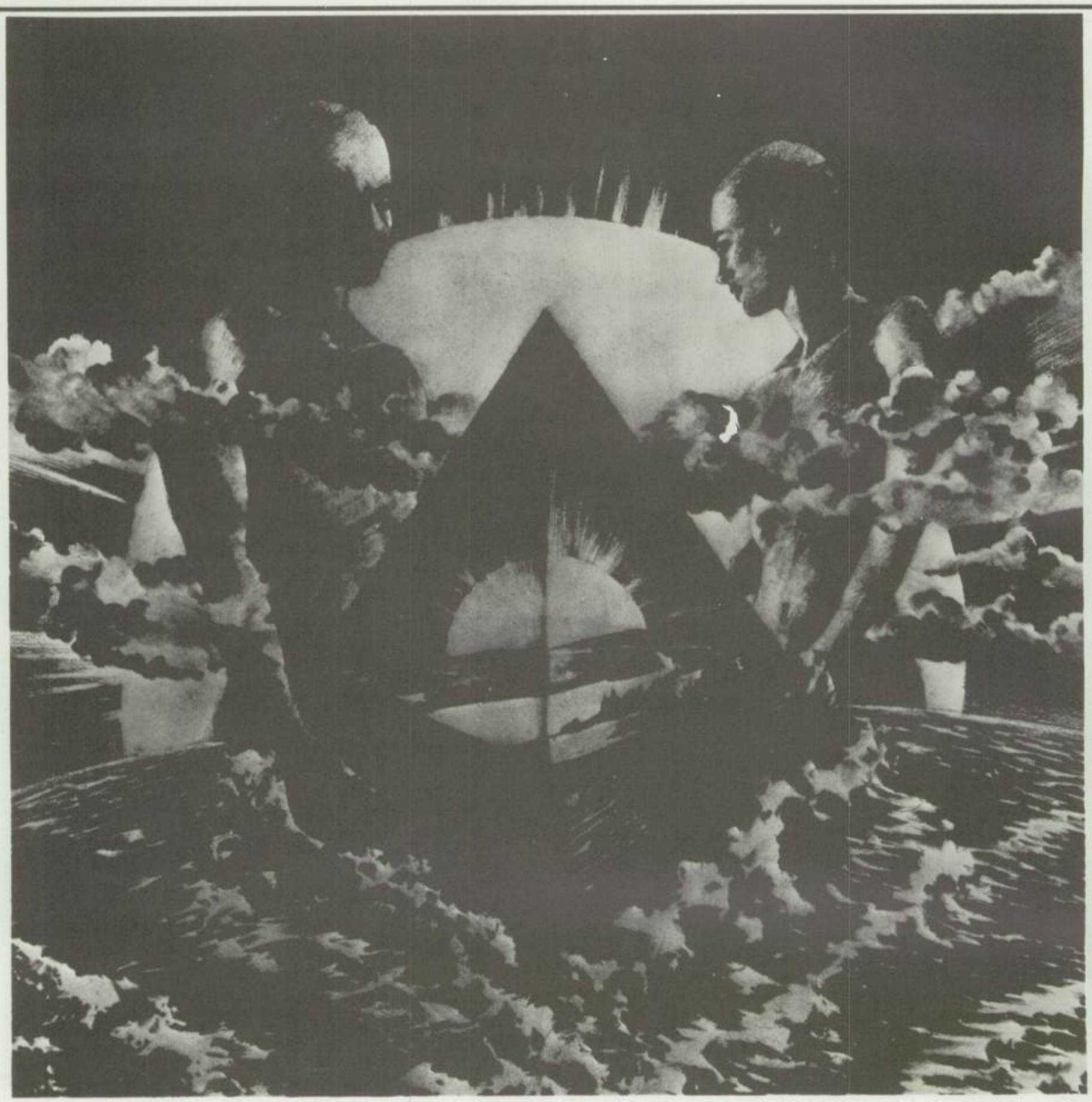

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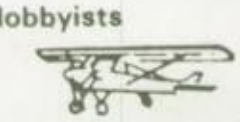

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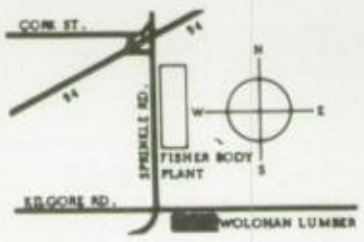

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To the 3325 from 3322 gang "Duoe Droogves" Tummyman
To Lisa: Howdy! Luv Eugene. Abdula Begong Bonnulamire
Dan: Wishes can come true. Love Cathy
John: Will we ever forget the imitations of GrMo? T
Aphorism: Rakkauteni on kuin lammin lehmanpaska.
Pooh—This mini-mega note says Beep and Love—Binky
Meatball—I confess I admit it—the Anonymous Nipper

KA: You—SB DM TB SO DV Me—DC GZ JP MS SP. CC
To Carl: We love to pay taxes!! Johan
Tom: What's more fun than YB '81? YB '82! JB "G"
Remember these?
Cara: Thirsty? Prom was great! Barb: Ahh, the end of Romance. Jenny: Like my sleeping bag? Karen: Spaz out! Randy: Ahhh!! Mr. Harmsen: On the line. Ana: Told ya it would happen. Brad, John, Scott, Matt, and Greg: Toga! Sandy: A&P's Parking Lot. Whoever wrote me these poems; call me sometime. Congradulations class of '81. G.W.W.
Joe: yearbook really wouldn't be the same without you. Larry
Lee: I've always loved your hips sorry I'll be in RMJM
Annie: Thanks for all your help! Friends always. KR

Teresa: You are the best and I love you! Love Brian
Julie, I got a new album today, Breakfast in America
To the gang you live forever P.S. Hi Greg Welch L.B.
*Oh Carol kiss my whip! Tuna fish for the world! BS**
Annie: Love you like a sister!! Love Kayla
To Dave R.: remember prom night? Best wishes, Clark
O.K.! O.K.! Who wrote that? Signed the real Clark
Congratulations: Shelli, Robin, we made it! M.S. Bye!
Pray what is the most popular cheese round these parts? Death awaits you with big nasty pointy teeth!
Dad Sterner: Miras a tu tapon! Te amo mucho! Marie
My friends: It was great last year. Miss ya, Siggy
KRHiKids! Happyday! Baby!Suchfun!I'msure!Remember? AA
Mr. S. What can I say? I love you! Larry.

SLH: Always remember "nothing is worth more than anything else," EAP, and the Art Look-A-Like Contest? Oh, for the good old days! Love always, LKB.
Aph: Please remember and don't ever forget T.J.G., Argos the dead dog, cross country skiing, or the graffitti at Milham park! Love always, Schity.
Lip & Mip: Remember Detroit and all the wonderful thing we did? Remember: Ponderosa, "silly glue," locking Mip's keys in her car, and trying to follow a speeding driver in four lanes of traffic? What fun! we should go back sometime! Love, Bip.
Larry: Eres muy loca y una amiga magnifica! Maria
Kayla: I gotta go! Think about it & thanx. Marie
Cathy thanks for caring. Hope you have a good summer. Dan
You can meet me and forget me and lose nothing. But if you meet Jesus Christ and forget Him you lose everything

Remember: New years, Elkins, Catman and Bonzai. JLC
To my best tax student Brooke Johnson: Good Bye!
Where is she? JM
Monica your legs drive me crazy!!! I know, you never take me anywhere. Where is my ring? Eric
To John: I will always remember my years with you! Sweets
K, Should I ask for diamonds on the first date? Annie
We hate you big Don!! BS
Marie: Think about it! Kayla
To my buddy Laila: I'll miss ya. Go get um Tracy Marie
To momma: You're great! Lotsa luck! Your little woman

To Karen: Don't forget to do the research paper. It's due tomorrow!
To Jill: I will always remember you. Love Randy
To Laura, You're the best thing that has ever happened to me. you're the greatest! Love Jeff
To those concerned: don't forget to double space!
Commander Space Cadet wishes you a great summer!
To Mr. Evans, Face the facts, we want soccer. E.S.
To Mip and Lip: fiber is a good substitute for Ex-Lax.
To Jill: I will always remember you. Love R.D.
When you can finally love freely, your soul is then free. I am free! I love you, Cliff!

Dear Sue There are 2 things that I like about you, everything you say & everything you do! Love John
Sexy Lips: Want to be my lover? Love Ninny Goat
Reminder to all queebs: What tangled webs we weave.
Laura P: U R A kweeb, gorp & wokolar! Even so, U R a great pal. (Even en el bano) thanx a gob. Marie.
MS, KR, LK, JZ: Have you hugged a kweeb today?
L,M,J: Kweebs and gorps are good for lunch! Larry
M.S., L.K.,L.P., J.Z.: Quebs are forever! K.R.
Tony: When I said I love you I meant 4ever Lynn
Kinky: We are 2 wild and groovy chicks. Loose

Grace, Tommy, Mikey—Don't let the boreworms bite! Jim
Mip: Let's never let go of these memories, but create new ones at the same time. Lip
1st: What takes a Lickin'?! Don't forget quiver-cheeks!! Where are you? I'm scared! Pickle
Teisch It's been real. Always stay perfect. (Ha!) F.
To Mike M. You're a real fruit. RD
Ranl: How are you? I am fine. Goodbye—Remember? Amy
To Lisa and Lora: "Man the ship, Papa's home!!
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Mina,
Well, I'd say Physics
been great, but I could
a class like this be.
great? How 'bout it
was fun! I'm very
glad I got to meet you
& be friends with you
this year. I wish you'd
be here next year so we
could conquer Adv. Biology
together! Anyway -
I hope you have a good
summer & that we
can get together - Valley,
you're a super fun person!
I'll try & stop by County
Seat & buy
Stuff on Int Not
buy anything. I know you
Probably love it when people
do that!!
Now what's the stuff
about Rusty.....
Good Luck!
Love always,
Beth Schibora

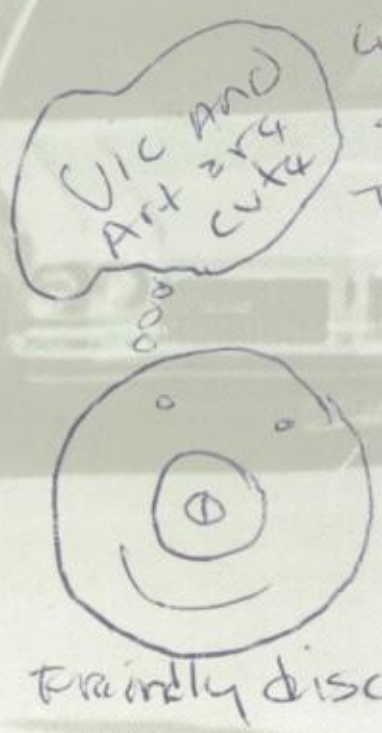
Mina-
Hey kiddo! It's sure been great knowing you, we'll have to keep in touch after graduation - good luck with the guys - don't break too many hearts! It's been great in track - keep up the discus! XX.

Love Ya
Tara Pashley
'81

mina,
I'm glad we got to actually get to know each other - you're pretty sowdie! It's hard to believe we're at the end of our highschool journey. (ha ha) There are alot of plastic memories packed in our memory. Good luck on the guys. Mika Stonerook
always. XX

mina,
I don't think that Mika And I would have made it through the season without you to joke around with, (Don't Take all the things we said Personally)(Just some of it) Anyway Track has been fun, Good luck Always have Mark.

P.S. your second step is too short.



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Love,
Cindy

Nina,

Well, what can I say? It's been a rough one, but somehow we finally made it through. We survived everything: Algebra 3, Physics, the Prom?. I'm so glad we got to be friends this year. It doesn't seem fair that we have to part (how corny!) Oh, at least you can write me, right?! you better. I'll miss talking about everyone (Sheryl Phillips, Molly Becker, Hug Witch, ...) Who am I going to complain now? See page RR#1

Nina,
It's been a real nice time knowing you in my one year in high school. I guess I knew you in Junior High too. Well good luck these next two years in college and have fun. Have a good summer
love Tom Steward

Nina,
Hey woman. Physics has been groovy. The class was the pits, but the gossip and public harassment were great! (I.H.A.!) You're one weird chick! Have fun in Iowa - for gods sakes don't get played by a farmer (Ha Ha). Oh well have a great summer and try to stay outta trouble (not possible).
take care
love,
Shell

Bob

Mina, 5th year already. Sure hard to believe that time flies when you're having fun. It's been such a great year. I'm really glad we've become friends. Have fun at Iowa (Keep in touch) Hey, Kalamazoo girls are a lot of fun, so I expect you'll have a fun time with your sorority sisters. Keep dancing (dance lessons help) Don't forget the Greyhound & the Keg. Have a fun summer & freshman year in the dorms. Iowa City is a great town. I'm glad you're going there. Good luck always! Don't forget W.A. in the weight room! (Go THD!)

Love, Deb

Hiya!
Even tho I haven't known you very long, I think we've had some fun! I hope you have a great summer & freshman year in the dorms. Good luck always! Don't forget W.A. in the weight room! (Go THD!)
Love, Deb

Mina,
Well the final year is here. It's been a cool senior year, too bad it's over. I won't be able to bug you any more 5th hour when you were trying to work. I won't write any more stupid things on the board. What will I do? Hey, have a socially perfect life at Iowa - (wherever the Hell it's at) and don't hit me any more -
Take it Easy —
Love
Jeff Lee '81'

Mina, (Gawd I hate that name) Gee it's been a trip. I'm glad that we became friends, I wish we could have met sooner. I regret we've not had a sweet person such a you're so cute, I remember those guys getting and chase guys at the other dorms. Anyway, we got stuck at Wendy's w/ James & Susie and had some good times & hope- fully we'll have some more this summer. Good luck and try to have a great year at Iowa and whatever you do, keep in touch and plan to do. Always keep in touch cause I really want you! Just make sure you're that Susie doesn't get your

Mina,
Remember when we first met? In Sterner's Spanish our Junior year - ugh! We've only been friends for a short time but it has been alot of fun. I wish all the best for you at Iowa and hopefully you'll find your dream man there. Don't be a stranger - keep in touch - love Dian
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probably tell, I like Iowa. It'll be at first, but maybe we'll musketeer it out together. As long as you're in New England, that's. I'm glad I got to know you
Jeff Lee '81'